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Tempest Mon City chief

Monongehala's new top cop intends to provide more information to the public.

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MONONGAHELA – The city has a new police chief, but he is no stranger to the community.

Brian Tempest, a patrolman with more than 22 years experience in the department, was named chief by new Mayor Bob Kepics this morning at a city council reorganization meeting.

Kepics, who presided over his first meeting as mayor after being sworn in, said Tempest is a good choice to succeed Dennis Mendicino, who has served as chief since 1994.

"We're going to work to improve the department, public-wise, and I think he will do a good job," Kepics said.

As he campaigned, Kepics said too few police reports were being released to the media. He added that will change now that he is mayor and Tempest is chief.

"People will see more reports in the paper," Kepics said. "The public has a right to know about criminal activity."

Tempest said he is looking forward to the task.

"We have a veteran police department, but there are some areas we need to make some improvement," Tempest said.

One of those areas is police reports to the media.

"People have said over and over, 'Doesn't anything happen in Monongahela? Why are there no reports?' Well, I think people have a right to know if there was a crime in their community, in their neighborhood."

The new chief will oversee seven full-time and five part-time officers.

"I want to improve our public image," Tempest said. "We need to be more open with the people, more visible, and it starts with the chief."

Tempest said that when possible, an officer will walk a downtown beat so merchants and shoppers see a police presence.

Mendicino, who has been with the force since 1979, will assume the rank of sergeant.

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Cable industry planning changes

Standardized communication technology could bring end to cable box rentals.

By DEBORAH YAO
AP Business Writer

PHILADELPHIA – Facing pressure from regulators, the cable TV industry plans to make good on a promise to standardize its technology and open the door to televisions and other gadgets that don't need cable boxes to receive video-on-demand programs and other interactive services.

An industry initiative, to be renamed "tru2way" after a decade in the works, is expected to allow electronics manufacturers to make TVs and other gear that will work regardless of cable provider. By making devices compatible, the standard also could encourage the development of new services and features that rely on two-way communication over the cable network.

Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable provider, will roll out the platform in all its markets by the end of 2008, Chief Executive Brian Roberts said in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of a speech Tuesday at the International Consumer Electronics Show.

Time Warner Cable Inc. is even closer to completion, Comcast executives said. A spokesman for No. 3 provider Cox Communications Inc. said the company will have "widespread deployment" this year.

"Our business model has changed completely, from a closed, proprietary model to an open architecture that will work across cable companies – not just across Comcast," Roberts said. "That was a Herculean job to accomplish."

Craig Moffett, senior analyst at Sanford Bernstein, said the industry is sending a hands-off signal to the Federal Communications Commission. Last summer, FCC officials said they would soon take on the issue of two-way compatibility between consumer electronics and cable systems.

"They don't have a lot of friends at the FCC right now. The cable industry has every reason to be nervous," Moffett said. "I suspect a lot of this is trying to beat the FCC to the punch."

CableLabs, the cable industry's research and development arm, which Roberts leads, was to announce Monday that its OpenCable platform, which began development in 1997, will now be branded as "tru2way."

Cable providers and device manufacturers have long disagreed over the technical specifications for two-way communication among their devices. There are TVs and set-top boxes in the market that can receive digital programming, but they can't talk back to the network, which would allow

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Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., left, shakes hands at a rally Sunday in Exeter, N.H. At right in Windham, N.H., Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee reaches into the crowd as his wife Janet signs autographs.

Candidates gearing up for N. Hampshire race

Facing high stakes, some presidential candidates are getting tough.

By GLEN JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

MANCHESTER, N.H. – Surging crowds and sharpening barbs preceded the climax of the New Hampshire primary campaign, as Democrat Barack Obama sought to hand Hillary Rodham Clinton her second defeat.

Meanwhile, Republican Mitt Romney worked furiously to avoid one himself.

Fire marshals from Manchester south to Salem and east to Exeter had to shut the doors to each of Obama's five rallies on Sunday, as crowds flocked to see the Illinois senator who took a step last week toward becoming the first black president with a decisive win in the Iowa caucuses.

"Something is stirring in the air, New Hampshire, something is going on," Obama said in Keene, where more people crammed into an overflow auditorium than could fit in the high school cafeteria where he appeared.

Clinton, the New York senator and former first lady trying to become the first female president, accused Obama of being behind a series of automated calls that said she was trashing his abortion rights record. She also sought to revive her campaign by casting Obama – with less than one term in Congress – as long on rhetoric but short on substance.

"You campaign in poetry, you govern in prose," Clinton told a raucous rally in Nashua.

On the airwaves, at a town hall meeting and later, in the second of two weekend debates, Romney worked with equal ferocity to avoid going 0-for-2.

"Washington is fundamentally broken, and one of the reasons I'm running for president is that I believe that my lifetime of work in the private sector, and in the voluntary sector, and as a governor, has taught me how to bring about fundamental change," Romney said during a Fox News Channel forum at St. Anselm College.

McCain replied: "All I can say is that I also had experience in leadership, not in management. I led the largest squadron in the U.S. Navy, not for profit, but for patriotism."

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A new survey showed Obama opening a wide lead over Clinton, while the Republican race remained a statistical dead heat.

Obama had 41 percent, up from 32 percent in mid-December, in a new USA Today/Gallup poll.

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Woman found dead in Charleroi dumpster

The manner of death has been ruled homicide, but the cause remains uncertain.

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CHARLEROI – Searching through a dumpster in an alley behind the former Army-Navy store Sunday, a Charleroi man made a gruesome discovery – a dead woman.

Toprani

The victim was a white female, 30 to 35 years old, Charleroi police Superintendent Mike Maytas said. Charleroi police were informed of the discovery 6:45 p.m.

Police were still trying to identify the victim this morning. Maytas said authorities had a possible first name for the victim and believed she had frequented the area until about a year ago.

The Washington County Coroner's office listed the cause of death as homicide. The coroner was expected to order an autopsy today.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Tempest (FROM PAGE ONE)

Councilman Daryl Miller and incumbent Art Doty, who was re-elected in November, also swore oaths of office.

With Kepics moving from council to mayor, there is an opening on city council. Kepics said he has a plan to fill the position

"I'm going to advertise for a month to see who is interested," Kepics said. "Then, after we get all the applicants, we will choose who the best candidate is. I think that's fair to the public."

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Eight tribal leaders gunned down in Pakistan

By The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan – Suspected Islamic militants fatally shot eight tribal leaders involved in efforts to broker a cease-fire between security forces and insurgents in Pakistan's volatile northwest, authorities said today.

Meanwhile, a suicide attacker detonated a bomb near a guest house where military officers were staying today, also in the country's northwest, wounding one person, authorities said.

The tribal leaders were killed in separate attacks late Sunday and early Monday in South Waziristan, a mountainous region close to Afghanistan where al-Qaida and Taliban militants are known to operate, a security official and the military said in a statement.

The suspected insurgents killed three of the men in a market in Wana, the region's main town, while the other five were killed in attacks on their homes, the security official said. The men were scheduled to meet each other today in Wana to discuss the negotiations, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Gearing (FROM PAGE ONE)

Clinton was at 28 percent, down from 32 percent. Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards had 19 percent. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson had 6 percent, and no other candidate had 3 percent.

On the Republican side, McCain had 34 percent, up from 27 percent in mid-December, while Romney had 30 percent, down from 34 percent. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee was third with 13 percent, while Rep. Ron Paul, of Texas, and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani were tied at 8 percent. No other candidate, including former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson, who conceded Sunday he was focusing on South Carolina rather than New Hampshire, was above 3 percent.

Both surveys had a margin of error of 4.4 percentage points, a small enough gap to consider the GOP race tied.

Huckabee, looking ahead to the Florida primary, campaigned in New Hampshire with state House Speaker Marco Rubio and state Rep. David Rivera. Florida's primary, on Jan. 29, follows the Jan. 19 South Carolina GOP primary.

Edwards was closing out his New Hampshire campaign with an all-night bus tour of the state. He had early morning stops planned for Berlin, Littleton and Claremont, with 10 more events throughout the day and evening.

"While everyone else goes to bed tonight," Edwards told a Nashua audience Sunday, "I'm going to be out working."

Cable (FROM PAGE ONE)

advanced interactive services. That leaves consumers with having to rent a box from the cable company.

And even with the new standards some discord remains.

Though the cable industry has inked separate deals with electronics companies, including Panasonic, Samsung and LG, consumer electronics giant Sony isn't on board.

The FCC – where Chairman Kevin Martin supports a more open and competitive environment – is also considering a different standard put forward by a group of consumer electronics companies.

CableLabs said it has inked licensing agreements with Intel Corp. and Broadcom Corp. to develop chips to run the software. And Microsoft Corp. is expected to integrate the standard into future versions of its Windows operating system for personal computers.

Comcast foresees "tru2way" branding on TVs, set-top boxes, PCs and other devices to signal their compatibility with cable systems.

On Monday, Panasonic and Comcast plan to unveil a slew of products that will be compatible with "tru2way," including a plasma high-definition television, high-definition digital video recorders and a portable DVR.

"You'll see a number of new 'tru2way' devices, and this is just the beginning," Roberts said. "This is Day One."

The Panasonic Viera Plasma HDTV with "tru2way" will go on sale this year. Panasonic's portable DVD player and recorder, "AnyPlay," lifts off a docking station and allows consumers to watch the programs they've recorded anywhere they like, on its 8.5-inch LCD screen. It is to go on sale in early 2009.

Other products are expected to reach retail stores as early as the end of 2008. The timeframe gives cable leverage over the competing standard proposed by consumer electronics makers, whose devices might not make it to retail until 2009 at the earliest.

Moffett said cable operators are telling the FCC that the industry can work with consumer electronics makers on two-way cable-compatible products.

"That could tip the scales in their favor," Moffett said.

Charleroi (FROM PAGE ONE)

The nude body apparently had been beaten, including a bleeding wound or wounds to the head. There were no detectible stab or gunshot wounds, Maytas said. He said, though, that the autopsy would confirm that opinion.

Women's clothing was found in the dumpster, but police have not yet determined if it belonged to the victim.

The dumpster was transported from the scene to the borough building, where it was examined by a state police records and identification unit.

Police spoke to several witnesses at the scene Sunday night. They have one "person of interest" in the case, a man who lives in one of several apartments above the former Army-Navy store, at 213 Fifth St., Maytas said.

Maytas said police are investigating the possibility that the death may have been drug-related.

A party took place in one of the apartments in the building Saturday night, Maytas said. Although alcohol was involved, Maytas said police are not sure if illegal drugs were present at the event.

Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani was called to the scene at 7 Sunday night. Although sworn in Wednesday, Toprani did not officially take office until this morning. Still, he went to the crime scene as a "courtesy" to authorities investigating the homicide.

"This is really hitting the ground running," said Toprani, adding that he wants to ensure justice is properly administered in what will apparently become the first major case of his administration.

The Carroll Township resident was elected in November, upsetting six-term District Attorney John Pettit.

Asked if he thought the death was drug-related, Toprani said, "That specter is certainly raised when you have a death like this. It is certainly a possibility."

Charleroi Mayor Frank Paterra said he believes the death was drug-related, saying the area where the body was found has been the scene of past drug activity.

Paterra, who has called for a war against illicit drug trafficking even before taking office, asked the Guardian Angels last year to form a chapter in Charleroi.

"My worst fear is here – we have a homicide in my community," Paterra said.

Paterra noted that the Mon Valley Progress Council even recognized drug abuse and its effect on the business community as one of its 2008 initiatives.

"Now we have a fatality and we have to deal with it," Paterra said

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Valley briefs

Smithton man killed in crash

A Smithton man was killed early Sunday in a two-vehicle, head-on crash in East Huntingdon, state police in Greensburg said.

John D. Reho Jr., 30, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident at 1:07 a.m. on Route 31 by county Deputy Coroner Chris O'Leath, said Trooper Brian D. Thomas.

The accident occurred when a 1996 Chevy Blazer heading west and driven by Lisa M. Brooks, 36, of Ruffsdale, crossed the center line and hit the front of Reho's 2002 Pontiac Sunfire, which was traveling east, Thomas said.

Brooks was transported to an unspecified hospital, Thomas said.

No further information was available.

Bleacher collapse injures four

Three western Pennsylvania high school cheerleaders and a custodian have been injured in a bleacher collapse.

Uniontown Area School District superintendent Charles Machesky says cheerleaders were trying to push the bleachers back to have more practice room Saturday morning.

He says they didn't realize they first needed to release a locking mechanism. Two braces that were holding part of the bleachers in place snapped, and upper levels collapsed on top of them.

Machesky says one girl broke her leg and nose, a second injured her leg and the third girl had minor injuries. The custodian cut his head helping free one of the girls.

All were taken to a hospital for treatment. Names weren't available.

Fewer lawmakers opting to retire

In a Legislature whose first year was most memorable for the number of stalemates it spawned on major issues, at least 18 representatives and senators are not seeking re-election this year.

That is far fewer than the 31 lawmakers who vacated their seats in 2006 — the first election year after the government pay-raise scandal that rocked the state's political establishment — when voters also ousted 24 incumbents running for additional terms.

This year's number of expected open seats is closer to the norm, as are the reasons the departing legislators give for their decisions to step down when this Legislature goes out of business on Nov. 30.

A desire to move on, to do something else, is the most common explanation.

At least two of the departing House members — Steven Cappelli, R-Lycoming, and Daylin Leach, D-Montgomery — plan to run for the Senate. But frustration and fatigue are cited too.

"I just couldn't bring myself to run another campaign," said Rep. David Steil, R-Bucks. "I was just burned out."

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Laura Maxwell, of Elizabethtown, rides the carousel at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show in Harrisburg on Saturday. The 60-year old carousel is the only ride at the farm show, although some youngsters may say climbing and playing on all the farm machinery qualifies as a ride. The farm show opened Saturday and will contnue throughout the week.

DeWeese to push agenda

But some believe his efforts will be hampered by a continuing probe into legislative bonuses.

By BRAD BUMSTED
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HARRISBURG -- Although a grand jury investigation of bonuses paid to staff members has proved a distraction in the House, Majority Leader Bill DeWeese pledges to move aggressively on an agenda that again includes open records legislation, a smoking ban and property tax reductions.

DeWeese

Outside experts are skeptical of lawmakers' ability to get much done this year. The same issues -- along with health care and alternative energy programs -- were supposed to be dealt with last fall. The House and Senate return to session Jan. 14.

"It didn't get done last fall, when it should have been easier," said Jack Treadway, a political science professor at Kutztown University in Berks County. "Why are they going to be able to do it now?

Treadway said the investigation is "all anyone talks about."

Attorney General Tom Corbett is investigating whether bonuses were paid to reward legislative staffers for campaign work in Republican and Democratic caucuses of the House and Senate. So far, the investigation dubbed "Bonusgate" has centered on House Democrats, who doled out more than $2.2 million in bonuses in 2005-06.

"The potential for Bonusgate to disrupt legislative activities in the spring looms large," said G. Terry Madonna, political science professor at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster County.

DeWeese, D-Greene County, sidestepped questions about the effects of the grand jury investigation.

"Some of us certainly had to gird our loins to do battle, but we are focusing on a substantive agenda," said DeWeese, who said he had no knowledge of rewarding staffers for campaign work.

"I want to hit the deck running with substantial velocity and momentum, and our initial focus will be on sending an open records bill to the governor's desk," he said.

That's also the priority for Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County, said spokesman Erik Arneson.

"We think Senate Bill 1 can be sent to the governor this month," Arneson said.

Lawmakers acknowledge the open records legislation stalled last year partly because of the investigation.

Rep. Will Gabig, R-Cumberland County, said he believes a bill to eliminate property taxes by shifting primarily to sales taxes along with an income tax increase never came up for a House vote because of the investigation.

"Once investigations get under way, there are subpoenas, you're firing staff, dealing with documents being destroyed and the deletion of e-mails. That's time-consuming. Then you got to meet with lawyers. You got to go to the grand jury. You got to meet with the press to respond to it," said Gabig, a former prosecutor.

DeWeese said reducing property taxes remains his priority. A broader bill to eliminate property taxes might come to a vote during the next few months, he said.

DeWeese said there's been "a natural slowdown" on legislation as a result of new House rules.

He cited "lengthy monologues" by speakers such as Rep. John Maher, R-Upper St. Clair.

DeWeese said Maher spoke a total of 107 minutes on one day.

Said Maher: "I believe that whatever minutes are invested to fully and publicly consider important legislation are minutes well spent by legislators."

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A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a rundown on the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Fayette budget holds line on taxes - The Fayette County commissioners last Monday passed a 2008 budget that holds the line on taxes.

In enacting the $22 million spending plan, the commissioners eliminated a projected $1.4 million shortfall.

Commissioner Vincent Vicites said $750,000 in expenses were cut.

The board increased revenue estimates, based on data obtained over the past several weeks.

Property taxes will remain at 3.5 mills, with 1 mill generating $4 million.

Commissioners included $170,000 in the budget for electronic voting machines, said Angela Zimmerlink, commissioner chairwoman.

Zimmerlink said her research has shown that 45 to 55 machines are needed to help reduce waiting times at polls.

New DA takes office - Washington County District Attorney Steven M. Toprani vowed to usher in a new era of criminal prosecution in the county shortly after being sworn into his new job on Wednesday.

Toprani, 29, of Carroll Township, took the oath of office in a courtroom filled with his family and friends, local law enforcement officials and members of the court system.

An attorney for the last four years, Toprani enjoyed a landslide victory in the Nov. 6 election, unseating long-time District Attorney John Pettit, who was seeking his seventh, four-year term.

Pettit, who prosecuted more than 50,000 cases, is the target of a federal probe concerning alleged wrongdoing in his office.

Landslide endangers homes - A landslide that occurred late last week has endangered several homes along a main route in Carroll Township

Large trees and rocks from the hill landed only a few yards from the back of some homes on Friday.

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission engineering project manager Michael Houser said the commission owns the hillside where the slide took place.

He explained land was moved to a large mound on top of the hillside, about 800 feet back from the top of the hill, during construction of the Mon/Fayette Expressway several years ago.

He believes that land shifted, causing the landslide on the slope of the hill, adjacent to the homes.

Women facing trial - Two women who led police on a high-speed chase Dec. 27 waived multiple charges to court on Friday.

Joy E. Cochran, 37, of 521 Washington Ave., lower apartment, Charleroi, and Tricia Kauffman, 37, of 26 Sampson St., Belle Vernon, appeared before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso.

According to an affidavit, Monessen police stopped Kauffman's car at 3:07 a.m. Dec. 26 on East Schoonmaker Avenue for a traffic violation. When the officer went to his patrol car to check her identity, Kauffman fled the scene.

A chase ensued on Route 906, into Webster with speeds nearing 100 mph, according to the affidavit.

At one point during the chase, Kauffman lost control of the car, hit a monument and a grassy area but kept driving. The car ended up getting stuck in a ditch.

Once in police custody, Cochran allegedly told police the women were given the car in exchange for crack cocaine.

Cochran was charged with aggravated assault, theft, criminal conspiracy, fleeing/attempting to elude police, driving with a suspended license and criminal mischief.

Kauffman was charged with manufacture of a controlled substance, aggravated assault, criminal mischief, criminal conspiracy, fleeing/attempting to elude police, recklessly endangering another person, theft, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and giving false identification to police.

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BISHOP — Jean B. Bishop, 70, of Belle Vernon, on Saturday, Jan. 5. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan Rostraver Township.*

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KEENAN — Elizabeth Keenan, 89, of Monongahela, on Friday, Jan. 4. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

LASCHEN — Katheryn M. Laschen, 80, of California, Pa., on Sunday, Jan. 6. Mariscotti Funeral Home, California.*

LISCIK — Emil F. Liscik, of Upper St. Clair (Sunrise), on Saturday, Jan. 5. Bembauers, Peters Twp.*

MANDZOK — Margaret (Petrusky Bill) Mandzok, 90, of Monessen, on Sunday, Jan. 6. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

McINTYRE — Luther James McIntyre Sr., of Priedale (Rostraver Township), on Sunday, Jan. 6. House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora.

MURPHY — Anne Murphy, 84, of North Charleroi, on Sunday, Jan. 6. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

RAMOSKI — Rose (Nagy) Ramoski, formerly of Daisytown, on Friday, Jan. 4. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

SATTERFIELD — Mylah Marie Satterfield, of Donora, on Tuesday, Jan. 1. House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora.*

VADELLA — Joseph R. Vadella Jr., 78, of Belle Vernon, on Saturday, Jan. 5. Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., Belle Vernon.*

WELCH — Christine Welch, 51, of Donora, on Sunday, Jan. 6. Paul Macik Funeral Home, Donora.*

WILSON — Jack E. Wilson, 79, of Monessen, on Saturday, Jan. 5. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

* See death notice

Judith A. Baker
Charleroi

Judith A. Baker, 67, of Charleroi, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Dec. 17, 1940, in North Charleroi, a daughter of the late Eugene L. and Anna Levkulich Decock. Judy was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Belgium Club, American Legion and Italia Unita Club, all in Charleroi. She is survived by her son, Richard E. Baker and wife, Denise, of Belle Vernon; two granddaughters, Hannah and Shelby Baker; a brother, Eugene C. Decock and wife, Sandy, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a sister, Christine Shepler and husband, Norman, of Charleroi; nieces and nephews; and her companion, Guy Fazzoni. In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Richard L. Baker. There will be no public viewing. The SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., Charleroi, is in charge of arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Jean B. Bishop
Belle Vernon

Jean B. Dolfi Bishop, 70, of Belle Vernon, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in Grove Manor, Grove City. Born in Webster (Rostraver Township) on Oct. 17, 1937, she was the daughter of the late James "Moon" and Georgina G. Russo Dolfi. Mrs. Bishop was a retired registered nurse and a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church in Belle Vernon. She is survived by four sons, Richard J. Bishop, of Belle Vernon, Adam A. Bishop, of Washington, Eric T. Bishop, of Grove City, and Sean D. Bishop, of Belle Vernon; seven granddaughters, Jessica, Katie, Sarah, Shannon, Kristen, Caitlin and Molly Bishop; and a brother, John Dolfi, of Rostraver Township (Fellsburg). Friends will be received Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. A Blessing Service will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. in St. Sebastian R.C. Church, 801 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Catherine E. Byron
Belle Vernon

Catherine E. Sadler Byron, 84, of Belle Vernon, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at 1:40 a.m. in IHS Greenery of Canonsburg. Born July 4, 1923, in Fallston, she was a daughter of the late Philip and Emma Catherine Corrie Taylor Sadler. A lifelong resident of the Mon Valley, Mrs. Byron was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in West Newton and a homemaker. She is survived by nine children, including two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles W. Jr. and Janice Haschets, of West Newton, and John D. and Pam Haschets, of Washington; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Trina and Jim Trozzo, of Stockdale, Gloria M. McDonough, of Belle Vernon, and Wendy C. and Barry Mellinger, of Smithton; 26 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles W. Haschets Sr., and her second husband, Leonard E. Byron; one grandson, Charles Bair; several brothers and sisters; and a stepson. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). Relatives and friends will gather Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m. in Faith Lutheran Church, 820 Plummer School Road, West Newton, for services with the Rev. Steven Frank Bauer officiating. Interment will take place in Howe Cemetery. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mylah Marie Satterfield
Donora

Funeral services were held this morning for Mylah Marie Satterfield, one of God's Heavenly Angels who was peacefully call to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was the five-month-old daughter of Amber Satterfield, of Donora. In addition, she is survived by two brothers, Tylee and Omar Satterfield, all of Donora; her grandparents, Mary and Willie Groomes and Charles and Beverly Wilkerson, all of Monongahela; three aunts, Corrie (John) Crews, and Nicole Johnson, all of Donora, and Tiora Wilkerson, of Monongahela; two uncles, Lance Johnson and Andras Wilkerson, of Donora; and a host of cousins, family and friends. Mylah was a love that was God-sent, even though for only a little while, and she warmed the hearts of everyone she came in contact with. Mylah will be sorely missed. A Blessing Service was held at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, Donora, with Pastor Eric T. Johnson officiating. Interment was in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Arrangements were gently placed in the hands of the HOUSE OF JACKSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, Donora (724-379-5420); Karl Jackson, funeral director.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joanna B. Glab
California, Pa.

Joanna B. Glab, 78, of California, Pa., died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008. She was born Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1929, in Daisytown, a daughter of the late Mario and Luigia Ventura Orsolini. In addition to her parents, Joanna was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin T. Glab, on Dec. 16, 2005; and her brother, Emidio Orsolini. Left to cherish her memory are two sons, Edwin "Chip" Glab and wife, Leann, of California, and David Glab and wife, Darlene, of State College; five grandchildren, Anthony, Jenna, Tiffany, Daniel and Timothy Glab. Friends will be received in the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, Supervisor, 323 Fourth St., California, on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, when a Blessing Service will be held in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, California, with Fr. George Moneck as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Florence Issi
Mapleview (Charleroi)

Florence Issi, 91, of Mapleview (Charleroi), died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in Hallsworth House, Monessen. She was born Nov. 10, 1916, in Bridgeville, a daughter of the late John and Sarah Yardley Solt. Mrs. Issi was a member of Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Fayette City. She is survived by two sons, Robert Issi and wife, Deena, of Speers Hill (Charleroi), and Jack Issi and wife, Julie, of Rostraver Township; and one grandson, Brian Issi. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Fury A. Issi; her brother, Russell Jones; and two sisters, Margaret Gregor and Mary Theakson. Friends will be received in Christian Alliance Missionary Church, Fayette City, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, from 10 to 11 a.m., when funeral services will be held with Pastor Bryan Cinelle officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., Charleroi, is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be made to Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Fayette City in memory of Florence Issi.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Elizabeth Keenan
Monongahela

Elizabeth "Betty" Keenan, 89, of Monongahela, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was born Dec. 15, 1918, in Donora, a daughter of the late Samuel and Suzanna Serfozo Magyar. Mrs. Keenan was a member of the First Baptist Church in Monongahela, where she had taught the Philathea Class. For several years, she was employed at the former Agape Fabric Store in Monongahela. Mrs. Keenan was a member of the YMCA in Monongahela and loved spending time traveling, sewing and knitting. She is survived by her daughter, Jane Mancha and husband, Donald, of Plymouth, Mich.; her son, Dean Keenan, with whom she resided; three grandchildren, Scott and Eric Mancha and Sherri Brewer; and one great-granddaughter, Samantha Brewer. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James O. Keenan, on Aug. 3, 1989; and two brothers, Robert and Alex Magyar. Friends will be received Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136). Funeral services will be held in First Baptist Church in Monongahela on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mark Schollaert and Pastor Kenneth Kirby co-officiating. Committal services and interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: First Baptist Church, 601 West Main St., Monongahela, Pa. 15063.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Katheryn M. Laschen
California, Pa.

Katheryn M. Sileskie McGurk Laschen, "Grandma Kate", 80, of California, Pa., died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008. She was born Sunday, Oct. 9, 1927, in Coal Center, a daughter of the late Alexander and Henrietta Schoener Sileskie. In addition to her parents, Kate was preceded in death by her first husband, Edward J. "Ted" McGurk, on July 11, 1962, and her second husband, Ralph C. "Pete" Laschen, on June 24, 1997; two brothers, Charles and Alexander Sileskie; and one sister, Margaret "Peg" Shupink. Left to cherish her memory are her children, Cynthia (Rick) Hajdu, of Daisytown, Ella (David) Dillon, of Coal Center, Kathy (Frank) Gudel, of Coal Center, and Ralph C. Laschen Jr., of California; seven grandchildren, Shane Hajdu, Jamie (Brant) Gahr, Travis (Michelle) Alton, David Dillon and fiancee, Tara Roule, Ted Dillon and fiancee, LaRae Tarracido, Brandon Laschen and Brent Laschen; two great-grandchildren, Traelynn Alton and Madeline Gahr; and four sisters, Bernadine Spencer, of Trenton, Mich., Betty Underwood, of Stow, Ohio, Henrietta Spencer, of Trenton, and Dorothy Vizza, of Monessen. Friends will be received in the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, Supervisor, 323 Fourth St., California, on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and until 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, when services will be held in the funeral home with the Rev. Norman C. Hunt officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Margaret Petrusky Bill Mandzok
Monessen

Margaret Petrusky Bill Mandzok, 90, of Monessen, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in The Uniontown Hospital. She was born Nov. 28, 1917, in Monessen, the daughter of the late John and Barbara Churan Petrusky. She was a member of St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox Church of Monessen. Mrs. Mandzok was a homemaker and owned and operated a beauty salon for many years in Monessen. She is survived by two sons, Charles Bill and wife, Linda, of Greenbrae, Calif., and Ron Bill, of Chalk Hill; four granddaughters, Melanie Bill, of Bethel Park, Allyson Sapko and husband, Dan, of Monessen, Lauren Bill, of San Diego, Calif., and Cristine Bill, of San Francisco, Calif.; two great-grandsons, Darian and Kyam Sapko; one brother, Paul Petrusky and wife, Josephine, of Monessen; several sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her first husband, John Bill, and her second husband, Method Mandzok; and two brothers, John and Emil Petrusky. Friends will be received at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral arrangements will be announced in Tuesday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

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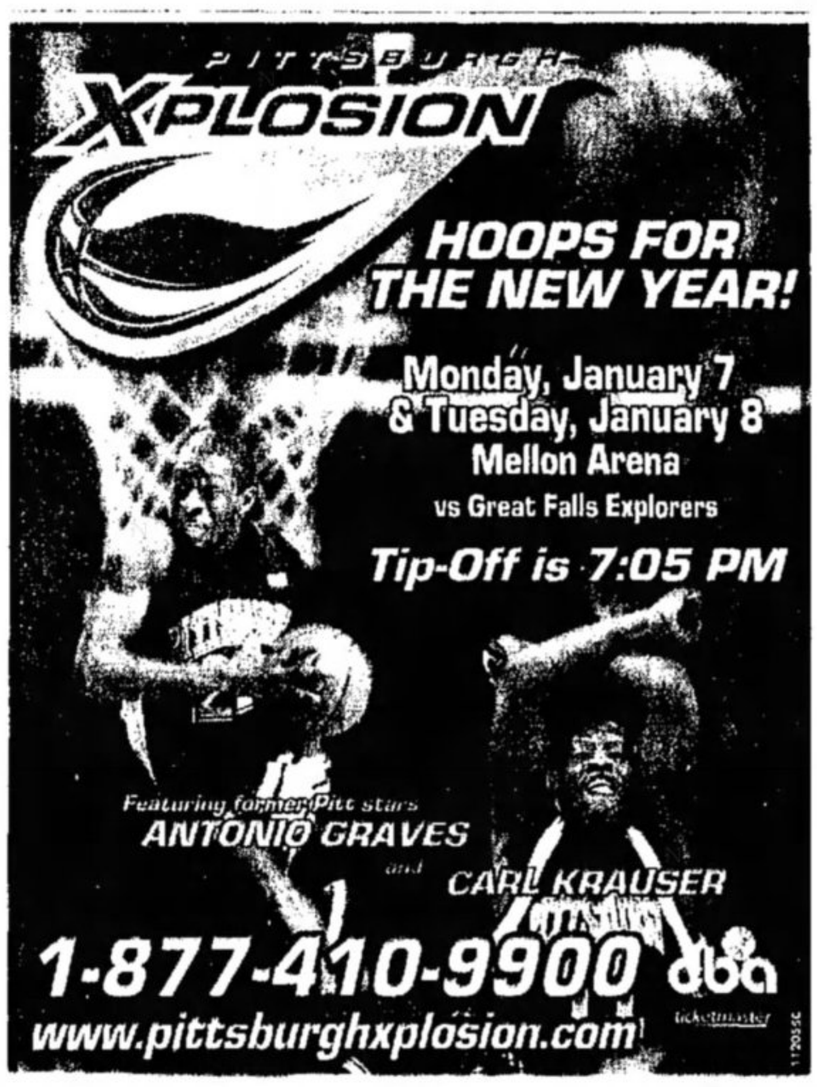

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

January 7

Today is Monday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2008. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

On this date:

■ In 1608, an accidental fire devastated the Jamestown settlement in the Virginia Colony.

■ In 1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons.

■ In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

■ In 1904, the Marconi International Marine Communication Co. of London announced that the telegraphed letters "CQD" would serve as a maritime distress call (it was later replaced by "SOS").

■ In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

■ In 1942, the Japanese siege of Bataan began during World War II.

■ In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

■ In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

■ In 2006, Jill Carroll, a freelance journalist for The Christian Science Monitor, was kidnapped and her interpreter shot dead in one of Baghdad's most dangerous Sunni Arab neighborhoods. (Carroll was freed almost three months later.)

■ **Ten years ago**: Convicted Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols escaped the death penalty when a jury deadlocked over his punishment. The government of Canada apologized for past acts of oppression against the country's native peoples.

■ **Five years ago**: President George W. Bush unveiled his $674 billion economic expansion plan. Police in London announced they had found traces of the deadly poison ricin in a north London apartment and arrested six men in connection with the virulent toxin that had been linked to al-Qaida terrorists and Iraq.

■ **One year ago**: Newly elected House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, interviewed on CBS' "Face the Nation," said Democrats running Congress would not give President Bush a blank check to wage war in Iraq.

DEATH NOTICES

Anne Murphy
North Charleroi

Anne Pohonich Murphy, 84, of North Charleroi, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Oct. 6, 1923, in North Charleroi, the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Pohonich. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi and an avid supporter of the Disabled American Veterans and Father Flanagan's Boys and Girls Town. Anne attended the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Wilkinsburg but left prior to graduation to care for her family after the death of her brother. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Terry Semon, with whom she resided, and Colleen and Cliff Nickisher, all of North Charleroi; one son, Bernard "Murph" Murphy and Tina Ward of Wilkinsburg; three grandchildren, Leigh Anne (John) Bruno, and Katie and Thomas Ward; and one very special great-granddaughter, Kirstie Leigh Bruno, whom she adored. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James B. Murphy; and two brothers, Charles Pohonich, who was killed during World War II and earned the Gold Star and Purple Heart, and John Pohonich. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church, followed by interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph R. Vadella Jr.
Belle Vernon

Joseph R. Vadella Jr., 78, of Belle Vernon, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. A son of the late Joseph R. and Carmella Cimmino Vadella, he was born in Belle Vernon on Feb. 22, 1929. A lifelong resident of Belle Vernon, he was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, the VFW Post No. 699 of Belle Vernon and retired from the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company in 1987, where he was the superintendent of the Annealing Department. Joe attended Washington and Jefferson College for two years prior to serving in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean Conflict, was inducted into the Belle Vernon Area Football Hall of Fame with the Class of 2002 and was a dedicated Steelers fan. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Shirley Waiton Vadella; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey R. and Dotty Vadella, of Imperial; one daughter and son-in-law, Patti Jo and Ron Kalvesmaki, of Belle Vernon; one brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Bane Vadella, of Elco; three grandchildren, Shaun and Erik Vadella and Cameron Kalvesmaki; two sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law, Marcella and Jack Dailey, of Charlotte, N.C., Deborah and David Richard, of Parkland, Fla., and Art Steiner, of Belle Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Babe Toth and Angeline Cherock; four brothers, Fred, Frankie, Tony and Ralph Matrozzo; and one sister-in-law, Edith Steiner. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.fergusonfuneralhome-andcrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. J.E. Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Members of VFW Post No. 699 will meet in the funeral home to hold services Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Christine Welch
Donora

Christine Welch, 51, of Donora, passed away Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was born in West Newton on Sept. 14, 1956, a daughter of the late William and Betty Nuttall Getchey. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Welch. Survivors include her son, Charles Getchey, of Donora; a daughter, Jennifer Getchey, of Irwin; one granddaughter, Paulette Getchey, of Monessen; three sisters, Twila (Harry) Walt, of West Newton, Jean (Wayne) Lemley, of Van Meter (Rostraver Township), and Nancy (John) Jury, of Irwin; a niece and several nephews; a special friend, Tina; and special pets, Patches and Baby Doll. Friends will be received Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-7000), where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9, with Evangelist Laura Mae Williams officiating.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Jack E. Wilson
Monessen

Jack E. Wilson, 79, of Monessen, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in Manorcare Nursing Home, Bethel Park. Born July 4, 1928, in Charleroi, he was a son of the late Albert E. Sr. and Nellie Viola McCracken Wilson. He worked for 45 years as a supervisor in the heater department at the former Monessen Mill. Mr. Wilson served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club in Charleroi. He is survived by his wife, Rosetta Sowder Wilson; his sister, Beverly "Babs" Cherepko, of Elizabeth; seven children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was a brother, Albert E. Wilson Jr.; and a sister, Shirley Ann Herschi. Visitation will be held Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Emil F. Liscik
Upper St. Clair

Funeral services were held this morning for Emil F. "Mitz" Liscik, a resident of Sunrise of Upper St. Clair, formerly of Monessen, who died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008. He was a veteran of World War II and a former member of Holy Name Church in Monessen. He was the beloved husband of Dorothy Liscik; and the loving father of Kathleen Blair and Eileen O'Brien. He is also survived by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation was held today from 9 to 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Moore Church, 126 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh. Entombment was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery. If family and friends wish, memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Moore Church. Arrangements were handled by BEINHAUER FUNERAL HOME, McMurray (Peters Township). www.beinhauer.com

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POLICE LOG

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Eugene Omarr Reddick, of Bentleyville, reported that someone stole his green 1983 Jeep Cherokee with Pennsylvania registration tag GST6056. The vehicle was stolen during the hours of 11 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. Thursday on Monongahela Street in North Charleroi.

■ Barry James, of Finleyville, was charged with harassment 9:47 a.m. Wednesday as a result of an incident that took place at a residence along McChain Road in Union Township, police said.

■ Joshua Teska, 22, of Perryopolis, was injured when his vehicle struck an embankment on State Route 201 in Perry Township 10:10 p.m. Friday and rolled several times. Police said Teska was taken to an undisclosed hospital by ambulance.

■ Lori Jansante, 45, of Bentleyville, reported to police that on Wednesday, someone stole her credit cards and made approximately $800 in unauthorized charges.

State police, Greensburg

■ A Ford Escort, owned by JR used Cars Inc., Belle Vernon, was reported damaged 5:30 a.m. Saturday while it was parked at 2006 Main St., Arona, police said.

■ Adrasto George Casoni Sr., 52, of Sutersville, reported that during the hours of 11 p.m. Dec. 27 and 10 a.m. Dec. 28, someone broke into a storage building he owns at 540 Second Ave., Sutersville, and stole two air compressors, a case of beer and approximately $30 in cash. Anyone with information is asked to contact state police at (724) 832-3288.

Monessen

■ Sean Dungee, 21, of 1115 Reservoir Ave., Monessen, was charged with disorderly conduct and harassment 4:09 a.m. Sunday as a result of an incident that took place at 1119 Reservoir Ave., police said.

■ Markell Cook, 19, of 615 Locust St., Monessen, was charged with criminal mischief 10:01 p.m. Saturday at 200 McKee Ave., police said.

■ Antwon Manson, 35, of McKee Avenue, Monessen, was picked up on an active warrant from Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso's Monessen office 1:45 p.m. Friday, police said.

Southwest Regional

■ Douglas Stephen Downer, 28, of 1355 Maple Ave., Belle Vernon, was charged with DUI 1:08 a.m. Sunday as a result of a traffic stop at Blind Lane and Johnston Street, police said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $200,000

HARRISBURG (AP) – Monday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $200,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's game.

Lottery officials said 73 players matched four numbers and won $378.50 each; 2,837 players matched three numbers and won $10.50 each; and 31,098 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Bombing in Iraq kills at least 7

BAGHDAD (AP) — A double bombing killed at least seven people and wounded 25 today outside the Baghdad office of a government agency that cares for Sunni mosques and shrines, witnesses and a hospital official said. A police officer, however, put the death toll as high as 14.

In the first attack, a suicide bomber detonated explosives at the entrance to the Sunni Endowment office in Baghdad's northern Azamiyah district, witnesses said. As people rushed away, a second explosion — believed to have been caused by a roadside bomb — occurred just yards away.

LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

DAY PICK 3:	7-4-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-0-9
DAY PICK BIG 4:	2-0-9-6
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	3-1-6-2
TREASURE HUNT:	4-5-15-20-28
CASH 5:	9-20-22-29-33
POWERBALL:	4-11-16-33-40
Powerball:	9 Powerplay: 4

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	4-2-2 6-4-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	3-9-5-5
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	5-2-7-7
TREASURE HUNT:	13-22-24-25-27
CASH 5:	10-17-26-30-39

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

DAY PICK 3:	5-1-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-5-5
DAY PICK 4:	5-3-0-6
NIGHT PICK 4:	1-7-1-7
ROLLING CASH 5:	4-5-17-33-35

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

DAILY 3:	0-2-3
DAILY 4:	8-0-8-0
HOT LOTTO:	26-30-34-35-37 HB: 18

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OUR OPINION

Problems persist in electronic voting

WHAT WOULD A present-day presidential election be without some lingering concerns over the means by which voters cast ballots? Here we go again.

Election officials in Colorado and Ohio are pulling the plug on widely used electronic voting equipment, citing critical flaws in accuracy and security. California and Florida, as well, have determined that the security of some touch-screen voting machines is inadequate.

VotersUnite!, a citizen advocacy group, argues that every electronic system is flawed.

In Pennsylvania, the Department of State agreed to reimburse Lackawanna County up to $1.7 million to pay for a new voting system for the April 22 primary after the county's Advanced Voting Solutions machines were decertified.

So much for the $3 billion Help America Vote Act, which in shifting all states into the age of digital voting created a new set of headaches in jurisdictions that previously had none.

Whether it's a touch screen or a paper ballot, no system of voting is absolutely fool-proof or otherwise immune to mischief. Digital or otherwise.

Of course, states should take all measures to ensure that their methods of voting are secure. But the key is that all systems must be closely monitored.

Which, incidentally, is precisely where Florida fell on its face in its 2000 presidential election fiasco.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Daytona (Fla.) Beach News-Journal, on Congress, consumer credit and high interest rates:

It's the time of year when many Americans confront irresponsible spending — but now, the days of reckoning are taking on an air of desperation in many households, as families face bills they can't pay.

Nobody forced these families to spend beyond their means. And many debtors acknowledge that they are, themselves, to blame for much of their problem. But credit-card companies also must take responsibility for extending credit without a firm indication that debts could be repaid — and most certainly deserve blame for predatory practices that make the plight of many families far worse than it would otherwise be.

These companies' profits still are running high. In fact, many card companies have adopted policies that make it likely that the default rate will continue to spike, and purposefully target high-risk debtors, loading on fees that assure the accounts will be profitable even if the borrowers default. ... But Congress and federal regulators also should examine the costs of high default rates on a wider scale, especially when coupled with the still-developing mortgage-foreclosure boom.

Chicago Sun-Times, on health-care coverage for retirees:

The federal government has declared open season on older folks in a desperate attempt to save health-care coverage for younger retirees. Companies can now, with Uncle Sam's endorsement, openly discriminate against those 65 and older by cutting their health benefits, shoving them off to Medicare, whether they like it or not.

Endorsing age discrimination is just wrong and presents a slippery slope for employers to use age to discriminate for all kinds of reasons that are now still illegal. ...

While we understand employers' bottom-line concerns, legalized discrimination is untenable. This EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) ruling could also leave family members of older retirees without coverage. So a 65-year-old would be covered by Medicare but not his 60-year-old wife and his 12-year-old son. And taxpayers are the ones who will end up paying for employers who break their benefits promises.

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The Bhutto mistake

Charley **REESE**

The U.S. government played a part in the return of Mrs. Benazir Bhutto to Pakistan. For what reason, I don't know, but it was clearly a mistake on everyone's part. The woman paid with her life.

She had been schmoozing the Washington crowd for years. She had even hired a public-relations firm to help her do it at one point. In the past, the U.S. had pressured the Pakistani government to accept her as prime minister. She didn't last long in that office despite two terms and was ultimately exiled on charges of corruption and incompetence. Her husband has a notorious reputation for corruption. Her father was hanged, and two of her brothers were murdered.

I don't think democracy lost a champion. I think she was just another representative of a feudal family that has always seen the government as an opportunity for personal enrichment. As for the crisis in Pakistan, it is a Pakistani crisis, not ours, and we should keep our nose out of Pakistan's internal affairs.

The deal is this: When President Bush decided to overthrow of the government of Afghanistan, the Pakistan dictator, Pervez Musharraf, was approached in the usual imperial manner - would you rather be bombed or accept a few billion dollars to help us? Musharraf wisely decided to accept the few billions and has kept his end of the bargain. Part of his unpopularity is directly because he is seen as an ally of the U.S. We should keep our end, pay up and shut up. God knows, every time we have dumped an ally, we have ended up with an enemy in his place.

If Musharraf can stay alive (he's survived nine assassination attempts) and stay in power, then we should accept that and keep quiet about democracy. He was a dictator when we asked for his help and a dictator when he gave us that help. In that respect, he's no different from America's "friends" in the Arab world — dictators every one, despite their royal trappings.

Bush, of course, isn't really interested in democracy, despite his blather about it. The only two freely elected Muslim governments in the region — those of the Palestinians and the Iranians — he won't have anything to do with. He's tried to overthrow the elected leader of Venezuela.

Bush is the kind of politician who you need to disregard what he says and watch what he does. Bush maintains an almost pathological distance between what he says and what he does.

I'm against the empire, but if we're going to be stuck with one, we'd better at least find a competent emperor. Bush just can't cut the mustard. He's like an over-the-hill Nero, so full of himself that he can't see the world around him. The military is deteriorating before his eyes. He's got us stuck in two countries with no exit strategy. In the meantime, the economy appears to be going south with the geese, and American prestige is going with it. We should all pray that the country can survive another year of incompetent leadership.

Any competent martial artist will tell you that timing is everything. The days of empire are past. Bush may like to imagine himself as Winston Churchill, but he's not anywhere close, nor does he seem to realize that the British Empire was fading fast even when Churchill was in office.

A nation can afford only so many wars and the debt and taxes that go with them. In today's world, even the winners lose money on wars, though a few favored corporations get an inordinate amount of blood money.

Peace and prosperity are possible; war and prosperity no longer are.

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Profiting from genocide

Nat **HENTOFF**

As China prepares for its resplendent Summer Olympics, it nonetheless cannot restrain itself from suppressing dissent. China promised that all accredited journalists covering the games will not be censored. But the Associated Press reported (Nov. 13) that "The Chinese government has created profiles on thousands of foreign journalists coming to report on next summer's Beijing Olympics and is gathering information on thousands more to put into a database."

This policy statement from "a top official" is in context with China's intelligence services also having been "gathering information on foreign activist groups, aiming to head off protests and other political acts." Four days after the AP report, the Washington Post Foreign Service added that a leading "Chinese security official vowed ... to punish anyone who takes part in a political, religious or ethnic demonstration or protest 'in any form'" during the games.

Present at these closely guarded games will be George W. Bush. If he sees discordant protesters being dragged away, will he say anything to reporters there who have not been on China's equivalent of our "watch lists," and are allowed to attend?

But China is also worried, said a senior Olympics official, about "boycott noise" from groups around the world planning such protest against what many call the "Genocidal Olympics."

Right now, however, along with possible boycott of the games, by athletes and prominent international figures who would ordinarily attend, is a campaign directed at the corporate sponsors of the summer Olympics who have invested tens of millions of dollars in the games. They believe their partnership in China's time of glory will reward them with increasing access to China's continually expanding market. For example, General Electric, owner of NBC, has paid $894 million for the rights to broadcast the Genocidal Olympics.

A New York-based human rights organization — the nonprofit Dream for Darfur — has been in contact with 19 major corporate sponsors of the summer Olympics to persuade them to put life-saving pressure on China's leaders to engage in a final effort to end the genocide in Darfur. No country in the world is more vital to the economy of Sudan, the perpetrator of these mass murders and rapes, than China.

Sudan's president, Gen. Omar al-Bashir, is smugly confident that he has prevented the combined United Nations and African Union peacekeeping force from entering Sudan. Only the prospect of losing China's huge annual purchase of Sudan's oil — as well as its other large-scale investments in the country — will get al-Bashir to disarm his savage Janjaweed militia and his uniformed soldiers while also grounding his attack helicopters, which keep bombing the black Muslim survivors in Darfur.

Accordingly, Dream for Darfur has asked 19 of China's profit-hungry partners in the summer games to sign a pledge that conditions their continued support — for what China calls its "One Dream, One World" Olympics — on their telling China to convince al-Bashir to stop blocking the 26,000 U.N. and African mission from rescuing the remaining black African Muslims in Darfur.

Among the corporations contacted are Coca Cola, Panasonic, Volkswagen, Annheuser-Busch (Budweiser), the Adidas Group, McDonalds, Staples, Eastman Kodak and Microsoft.

So far, however, Dream for Darfur reports, not one of those corporations has been "willing to acknowledge publicly that...the ongoing genocide in Darfur is morally unacceptable" for the host of "One World, One Dream."

What, then, can be done to shame these investors in the Olympics to undermine China's utterly crucial support of Sudan, the country continuing to conduct the first genocide of the 21st century?

If the sponsors continue their silence, these corporate sponsors are going to be internationally targeted, as Dream for Darfur also "is working with other advocacy organizations on organizing protest events at sponsors' headquarters, and a mass consumer write-in campaign, as well as contacting the investment community."

Among those working with Dream for Darfur in this campaign are the many groups involved in the Save Darfur coalition, and STAND, a student Anti-Genocide Coalition with more than 700 chapters at schools around the globe.

Mia Farrow, who first unfurled the accusation "Genocide Olympics" and is part for Dream for Darfur, says: "We are appealing to the public ... to put more pressure on these companies (and for) the press do its job...Business is not as usual when we talk about mass atrocities."

So now, everyone who buys the products or services of the corporations can personally help end these atrocities. How many of you care enough about these black African Muslims to stop the further rapes of their women — and children — and the slaughter of whole families?

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YMCA events attracted big crowds Saturday

The Mon Valley YMCA was buzzing with activity this weekend as many area residents started out the new year watching youth soccer games, working out and enjoying homemade spaghetti.

The Carroll Township facility was the site of a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser for the Mon Valley YMCA's Youth & Government group. Teens from around the Mon Valley spent their Saturday afternoon serving up dinners.

Advisor Adoree DeLuca-Johnson said the volunteers were working to raise money for the group's annual trip to Harrisburg. Youth & Government delegates annually participate in the three-day event held in April at the state capitol.

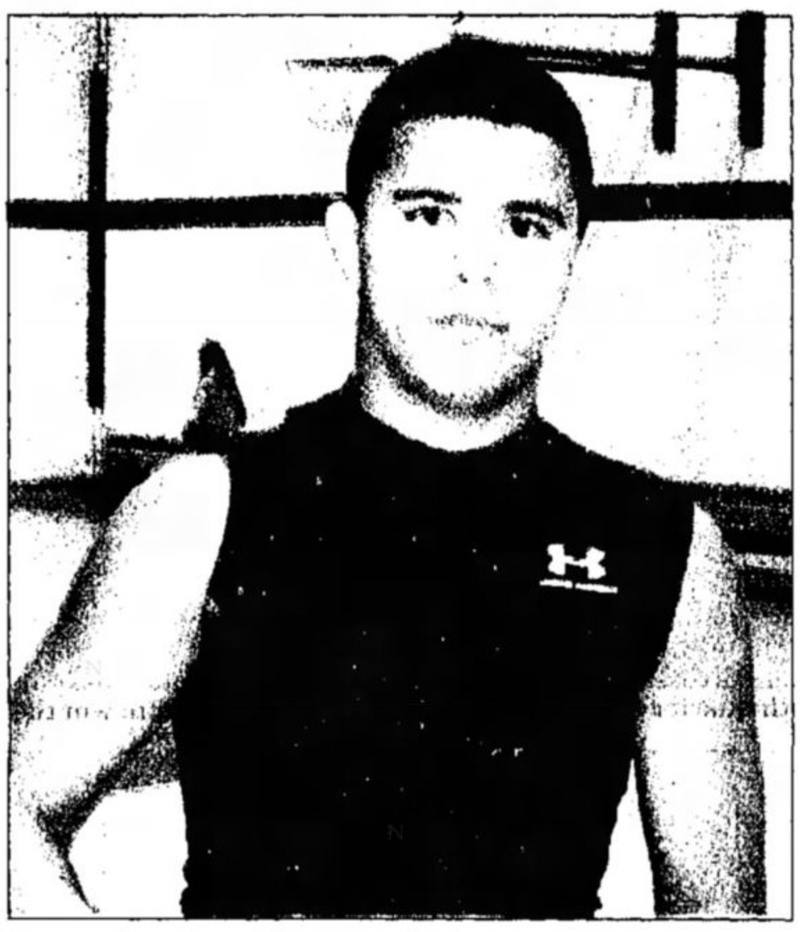
Youth & Government's purpose is to bring the workings of state government alive to students. It creates an opportunity for students to discuss current state issues with state administrators, elected officials and students from 40 high schools and YMCAs throughout the state.

Elsewhere in the Y, the youth soccer program had the gymnasium filled with youngsters and families from around the area.

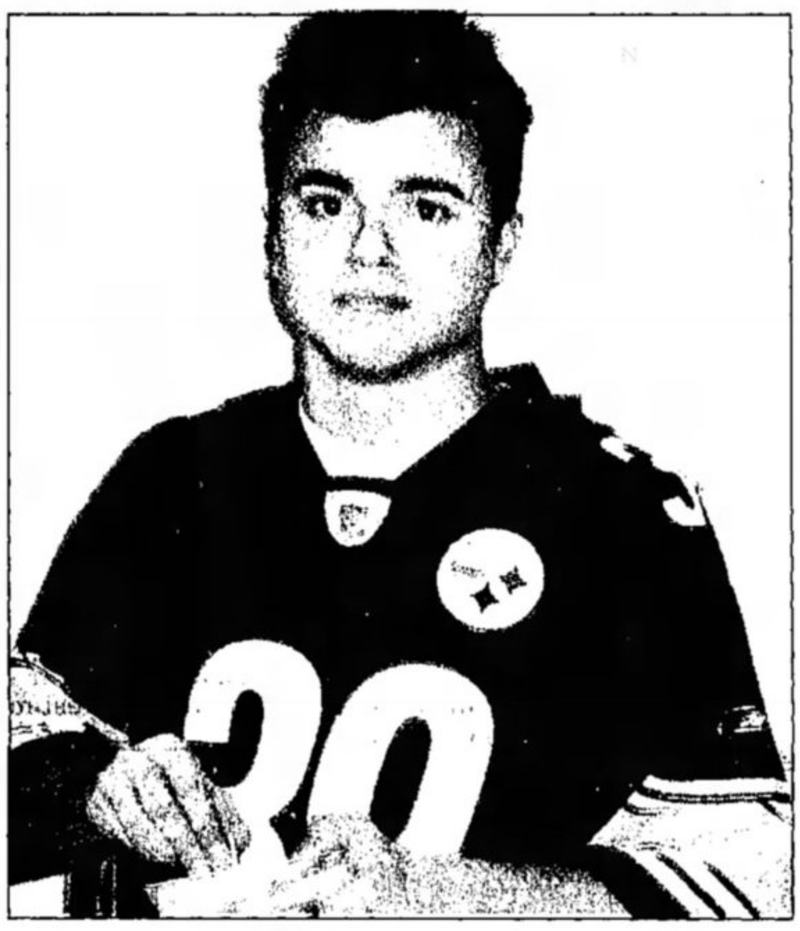
And many people were wearing their Pittsburgh Steelers' attire to cheer on their favorite team hours before its season ended with a first-round playoff loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars.

These young ladies helped out at the Youth & Government spaghetti dinner at the Mon Valley YMCA on Saturday. From left are: Laura Guarinoni, a Ringgold High School freshman; Jenn Murphy and Nicole Billie, both seniors at Charleroi Area High School, and Cheyenne Spanovich, a freshman at Ringgold.

Stephen Weinstein, a seventh-grader at California Area Middle School, got dishwashing duties at the spaghetti dinner.



Jalen Madison, 14, of Monessen, was among the many young men practicing hoop skills at the Y.

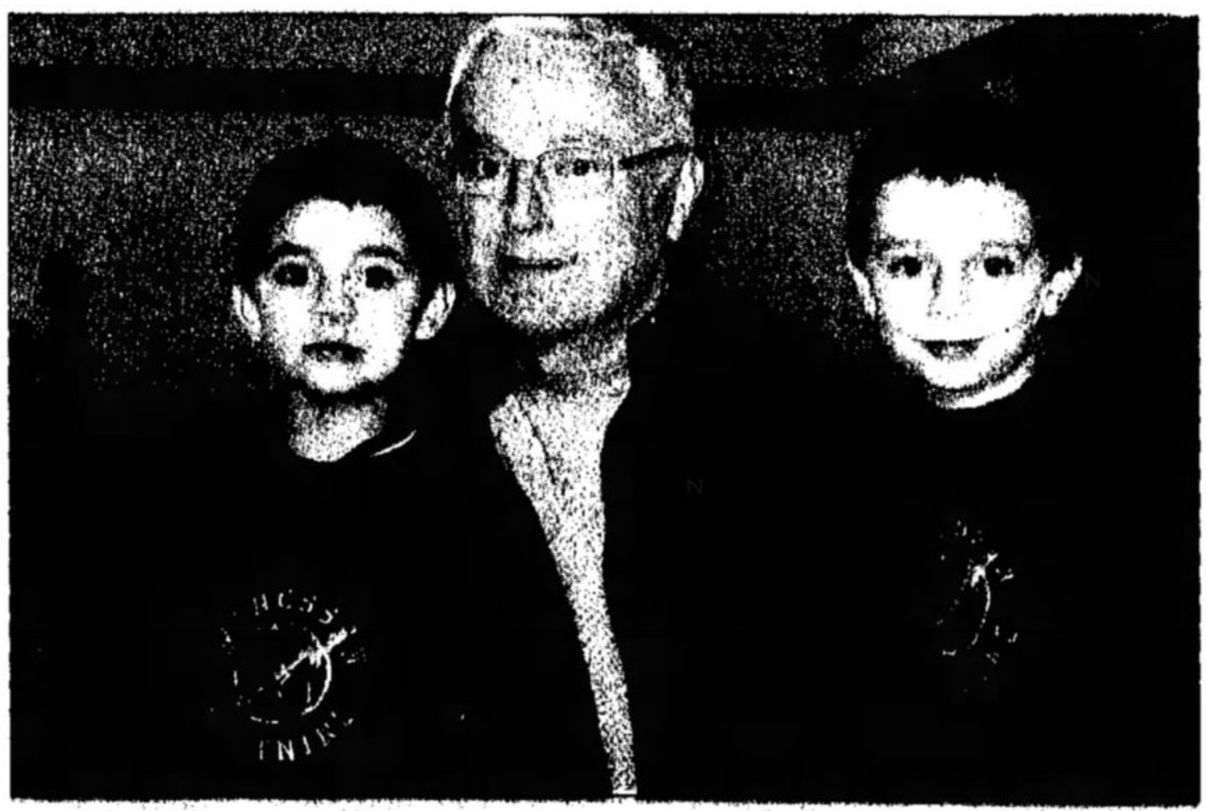


YMCA advisor Andrew Johnson, of Donora, gave his wife Adoree DeLuca-Johnson, a hand in the kitchen.

Text and photos by Stacy Wolford

Guess who their favorite Pittsburgh Steeler is? Miana Sacco, 5, and her brother, Jack Sacco, 3, watched the Monessen Lightning soccer game with their parents - Marissa and John Sacco, of Monessen.

Miranda McLaughlin, a Rostraver Middle School 8th-grader, took care of the refreshments at the spaghetti dinner.



Former Monessen mayor Jim Sepesky is shown with his grandsons, Sammy Iacovangelo, 4, left, and Leo Iacovangelo, 6. The boys play on the Monessen Lightning soccer team.

Chargers, Giants win

San Diego picked up its first playoff win in 13 years Sunday against the Titans. **2B**

Valley
SPORTS

Ohio State vs. LSU tonight

The Buckeyes and Tigers will square off for the BCS title in New Orleans. **2B**

Bad day for Thunder

Mon Valley was barely able to fit in Saturday's game against Wooster, and the Thunder would have been better off if it hadn't been played. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which two teams share the NFL record with 29 seasons in the playoffs? **2B**

Sunday's scores

N.Y. Giants 24, Tampa Bay 14
San Diego 17, Tennessee 6

Brian **HERMAN**

Steelers' final loss hurt

Thinking out loud:

■ The Pittsburgh Steelers lost seven games this season.

None hurt more than Saturday night's 31-29 defeat to Jacksonville at Heinz Field in an opening round playoff contest.

It was a game the underdog Steelers could and should have won.

After rallying from a 18-point deficit in the fourth quarter, the Steelers had a 29-28 lead with four minutes remaining and the football.

All the Steelers had to do was pick up a first down or two to use up the clock with the Jaguars running out of timeouts.

The Steelers, however, couldn't move the sticks and the rest is history.

The Jaguars got the ball back with 2:38 to go at their own 48 and didn't have any problem moving into position for a game-winning field goal, thanks to a 32-yard run by quarterback David Garrard on a fourth and two that put Jacksonville at the Pittsburgh11.

Josh Scobee's 25-yard field goal with 37 seconds to go put the nail in the Steelers' coffin.

If there was anything good about the defeat, it saved the Steelers from being embarrassed Saturday by Tom Brady and the New England Patriots.

Speaking of Brady, anyone else find it hard to believe that he didn't get every vote as The Associated Press NFL MVP?

One of the 50 media members on the panel went with Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre.

■ Getting back to the Steelers, you can look for a number of players to leave town as well as at least one assistant coach during the off-season.

Anyone else think Mike Tomlin's stock dropped a little when the Steelers lost four of their last five games?

■ It was nice to see that California University product Jeff Casteel decided over the weekend to stay at West Virginia University as the Mountaineers' defensive coordinator.

WVU, however, did lose one aide with Vulcan ties. Wide receivers coach Tony Dews coached at Cal for one year (2002) before making stops at Holy Cross, Central Michigan, UNLV and WVU where he was also a graduate assistant three seasons.

■ Bet Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt wasn't too upset to see Rich Rodriguez leave WVU for Michigan.

Wannstedt shouldn't have much trouble besting Bill Stewart, Rodriguez' successor, in the recruiting battle.

■ If I were June Jones, I don't think I'd be considering leaving Hawaii to take the football coaching job at SMU in Dallas, Texas.

■ And thanks to Lee Jones of Monessen who says when you get in deep water, keep your mouth shut!

Downfall began with loss to Jets

Steelers lost four of their last five games to finish the season.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin's rookie year as Pittsburgh's coach will always be remembered as the season the Steelers couldn't beat the Jaguars.

Maybe it should also be recalled as the season they couldn't beat the Jets, too.

The Steelers began to unravel after being upset by the Jets 19-16 in overtime on Nov. 18, beginning an inescapable downward spiral in which they went from having a 7-2 record to losing four of their final five.

They barely made the playoffs with a 10-6 record, only to lose to the Jaguars at home for the second time in 21 days in an AFC wild-card game Saturday night. They trailed 28-10 in the fourth quarter, staged a frantic rally to go ahead 29-28, only to lose 31-29 on Josh Scobee's last-minute 25-yard field goal.

"Nothing really soothes the feeling we have right now," Tomlin said.

The comeback, had it been successful, would have been the greatest fourth-quarter escape in NFL playoff history. Instead, the Steelers made another sort of history, becoming the first team in the franchise's 75-season history to lose twice at home to the same opponent in a single season.

That they did so in successive home games only made it worse. The Steelers beat only two teams with winning records (Cleveland and Seattle) and found a way to lose to the Jets (4-12), Ravens (5-11) and Broncos (7-9). They also nearly lost to Miami (1-15), winning 3-0 in the closing seconds in ankle-deep water at Heinz Field on Nov. 26.

As a result, a Steelers team that looked to be, until midseason, on a level just below the Patriots (16-0) and Colts (13-3) instead proved to be barely good enough to win the AFC North. The Browns ended with the same record as the Steelers, but didn't make the playoffs because they lost twice to Pittsburgh.

Offensively, Ben Roethlisberger (club-record 32 TD passes, 11 interceptions) accomplished a major turnaround by producing one of the best seasons statistically by a Steelers quarterback, despite being sacked 47 times plus six more in the playoff game.

Roethlisberger was exceptional during the fourth-quarter comeback Saturday, leading three TD drive in 8 1/2 minutes, but only after he threw three interceptions during a first-half flashback of his miserable 2006 season.

Willie Parker was the NFL rushing leader with 1,316 yards, and in position to become

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Associated Press

Hines Ward can't bear to watch the end of the Steelers loss to Jacksonville Saturday night.

Favorite play fails Panthers

Final possession results in turnover in Pitt's one-point loss to Villanova.

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — Pittsburgh had run the play twice before in big situations and it worked both times. On Sunday, the Panthers' chance to win their Big East opener became another turnover in a game filled with them.

Dante Cunningham made two free throws with 10 seconds left and No. 17 Villanova then forced that final turnover by No. 13 Pittsburgh for a 64-63 victory.

"We ran that play for the win over Duke and we ran it at the end of the first half today and it worked both times," Pitt guard Keith Benjamin said. "The other times nobody hedged hard. Villanova did that time and we lost the ball."

The turnover was the 22nd of the game for the Panthers, matching their season high in the overtime win over Duke. They came into the game averaging 12.9.

"Twenty-two turnovers means 22 shots you didn't get the chance to take," Benjamin said. "That's what makes is so hard that this one got away from us."

It didn't matter that because of injuries Pittsburgh used only seven players and six of them went at least 23 minutes.

"We didn't get tired. We battled," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said.

Freshman Malcolm Grant had a season-high 22 points for the Wildcats (11-2, 1-1), who took advantage of their depth against the Panthers (12-2, 0-1).

DeJuan Blair scored on a flip in the lane with 1:36 left to give Pittsburgh a 63-62 lead. Both teams failed to score on their next possessions. Grant took a wild shot for Villanova with 15 seconds left but the Wildcats retained possession when there was a held ball on the rebound.

"Oh, it was so bad I couldn't even get the ball up, really," Grant said, referring to his cramps in both legs late in the game. "I didn't want to come out but I couldn't stand up."

Scottie Reynolds found Cunningham inside and he was fouled with 10 seconds left. A 68 percent free throw shooter for the season, Cunningham made both for the one-point lead.

"We practice those situations every day," Cunningham said. "Honestly, my heart wasn't racing and we had the home crowd, too."

Ronald Ramon brought the ball down court for the Panthers, who were out of timeouts, and he lost it near the head of the key when Villanova switched on defense.

"Scottie got caught in a switch," Villanova's Antonio Pena said. "I got a hand on it and it kind of popped up."

Pena had 12 points for Villanova, while Cunningham finished with six points and nine rebounds.

Sam Young had 16 points for the Panthers, who are playing without injured starters Mike Cook (knee) and Levance Fields (foot). Cook, a forward, is out for the season while Fields, the primary ballhandler, is expected to miss eight to 12 weeks.

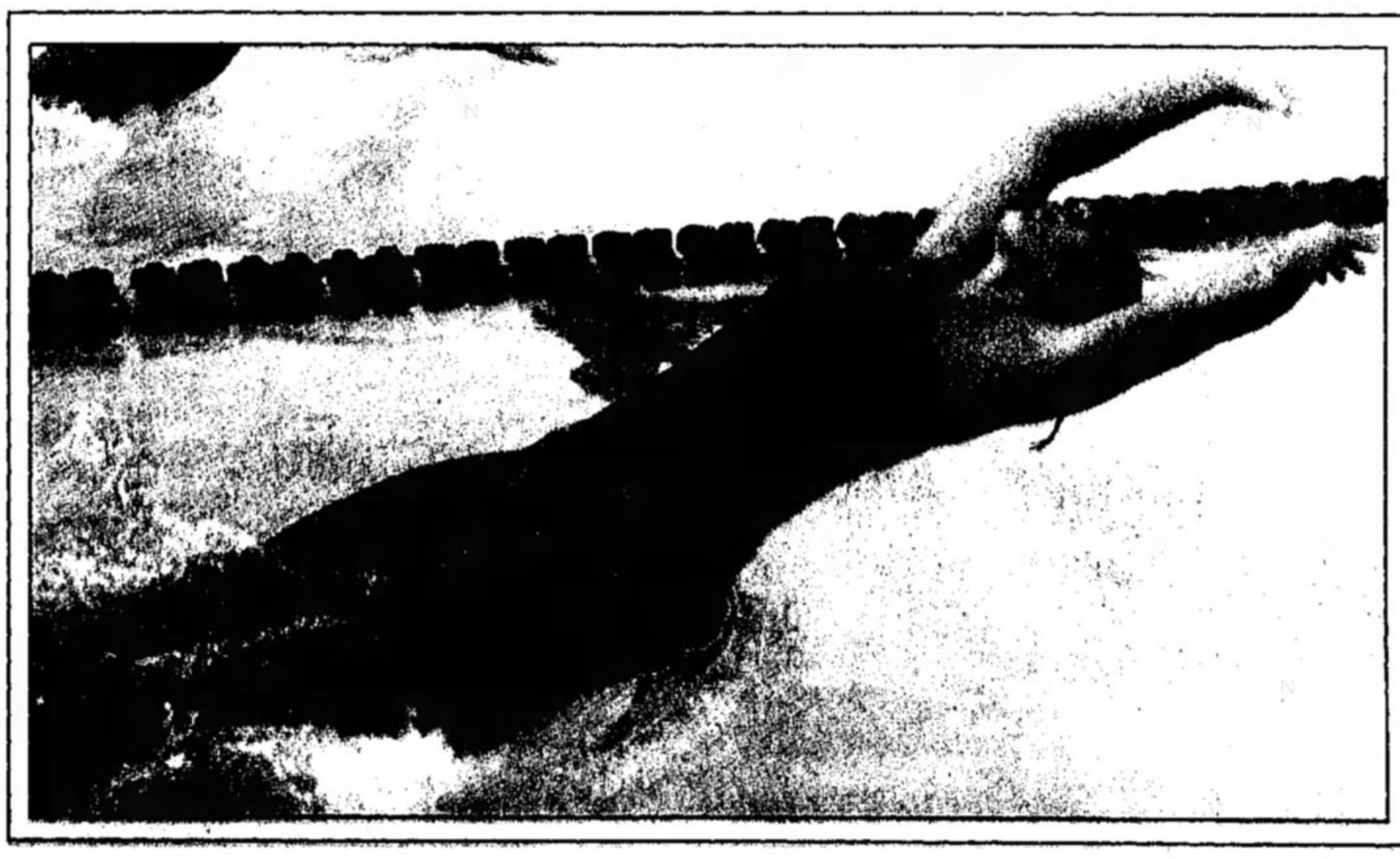
Villanova's reserves outscored Pittsburgh's two, 39-7.

"We were strong enough to battle back and get the lead," Dixon said. "Sometimes we were on our heels with the traps and we knew they were coming and we should have been stronger. Nobody's got their heads down over the injuries. If they did we wouldn't have battled back."

Blair had 12 points and 15 rebounds for the Panthers, who finished with a 43-31 rebound advantage and outshot Villanova 45.5 percent to 33.9 percent.

Associated Press

Pitt coach Jamie Dixon shouts directions to his players Sunday.



Swimming in Florida

California University of Pennsylvania swimmer Courtney Schneiderlochner leaps off the starting blocks in the 200-meter medley relay at the Orange Bowl Swimming Classic Saturday in Key Largo, Fla. George Mason University and Boston College were top finishers of the eight colleges that competed in the sprint-style meet at the Jacobs Aquatic Center in the Florida Keys.

Chargers end playoff drought

San Diego stages second-half comeback for first post-season win in 13 years.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Now that they've won their first playoff game in 13 seasons, the San Diego Chargers don't want to stop there.

The Chargers finally came to life late in the second half Sunday to beat the Tennessee Titans 17-6 in an AFC wild-card game.

LaDainian Tomlinson was held to 42 yards on 21 carries, but the star running back got to celebrate the first playoff victory in three tries in his brilliant seven-year career.

"It didn't come easy, but I tell you, I'm just happy to get that first one," Tomlinson said.

"It's a relief, but at the same time, it's not like we're saying, 'OK, we won a playoff game, so let's get ready to lose,' you know what I mean? I'm already thinking about next week and how tough of a game we're going to have going to Indianapolis, facing the champs."

The Chargers (12-5) advance to face the Colts on Sunday. San Diego escaped with a 23-21 win over the Colts at Qualcomm Stadium on Nov. 11, when Peyton Manning threw a career-high six interceptions and Adam Vinatieri missed a 29-yard field-goal attempt with 1:31 left.

Rivers

"We're feeling good, but like I've been telling everybody all week, we're smirking and not smiling," outside linebacker Shaun Phillips said. "It's just one playoff win and if we're satisfied with just one playoff win, then we should just pack our bags right now."

The Titans bottled up Tomlinson, the two-time NFL rushing champion and 2006 league MVP, and dared quarterback Philip Rivers to beat them. The second-year starter did just that, throwing a 25-yard touchdown pass to Vincent Jackson late in the third quarter that gave San Diego its first lead at 10-6.

L.T. finally found the end zone midway through the fourth quarter, on a fourth-down leap over the pile from inside the 1 that had to survive a video review.

Tomlinson went airborne and was met by linebacker Stephen Tulloch, but the running back used a second effort to get the ball over the goal line before linebacker Colin Allred knocked it out of his hands.

"I just felt like going through the air was a better option," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson jumped for joy once he emerged from the pile, but Titans coach Jeff Fisher threw his red challenge flag. After a review, it was ruled that the ball crossed the plane. Tomlinson celebrated again on the sideline.

Twelve of Tomlinson's 21 carries went for 1 yard or less, including four for losses.

Giants 24, Buccaneers 14

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Turns out Ronde Barber was wrong. The New York Giants weren't vulnerable because of Eli Manning.

At least not against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Shrugging off past postseason failures, as well as critical comments by the twin brother of Tiki Barber, Manning and the Giants dominated the Bucs 24-14 in Sunday's NFC wild-card game.

"We have been in the playoffs the last three seasons, and I haven't played particularly well in the two games before," Manning said. "Just to come here and play well, give our team a chance to win the game and make some big plays, that was quite a situation to be in."

Barber, the Bucs' top cornerback, made headlines in New York last week when he said Manning "can be had" because the fourth-year quarterback is inconsistent and tends to make costly mistakes.

Manning, also criticized in the past by Tiki Barber, answered by throwing for 185 yards and two touchdowns. In addition, he didn't have a turnover for the first time in three career playoff games.

New York's first postseason victory since January 2001 sends the Giants (11-6) to Dallas for a divisional round matchup against the NFC East champion Cowboys, who handed New York its only road loss in the season opener.

Steelers

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Pittsburgh's first NFL rushing champion since 1946, until he broke his right leg Dec. 20 in St. Louis.

Parker joined defensive end Aaron Smith (torn biceps), offensive tackles Marvel Smith (back) and Max Starks (knee), safety Ryan Clark (spleen) on the sidelines during the final weeks, a string of injuries that eventually cost the Steelers their running game and their run defense.

Special teams were a season-long problem, even after Tomlin devoted more time to them during training camp than any head coach in club history.

Now that the first season of the post-Bill Cowher era is over, the Steelers figure to undergo a major offseason facelift.

Left guard Alan Faneca, a Pro Bowl player the last seven years, could get far more money elsewhere as a free agent than Pittsburgh is willing to pay him at age 31.

Even if Faneca puts last year's failed contract talks behind him and re-signs, the offensive line is certain to get plenty of attention in the April draft. Those 53 sacks in 17 games, and the 43 yards rushing the Steelers managed Saturday night, show why.

"If this was my last game with Alan Faneca, it was an honor and privilege to be his quarterback and I love him to death," Roethlisberger said.

Outside linebacker Clark Haggans is also expected to leave what statistically was the league's leading defense via free agency, with rookie LaMarr Woodley (six sacks) ready to take his place.

Also gone? Maybe the grass field that was one of the Steelers' strongest selling points when they pushed for Heinz Field's construction 10 years ago.

Buckeyes hope to erase last year's memories

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Redemption and validation. Top-ranked Ohio State enters the BCS national championship game today against LSU searching for redemption, hoping to bury the memories of an embarrassing loss in last year's title game.

"As much as you try to forget about it, there's no way of forgetting about it," Ohio State fullback Dionte Johnson said. "I can close my eyes and go through that game like I'm still there."

The second-ranked Tigers come into tonight's night's showdown at the Superdome looking for validation, trying to prove they were indeed the team most deserving of a chance to play the Buckeyes for the title.

"I really feel it was our destiny to be here," LSU receiver Early Doucet said. "For things to go the way they went — us losing to Arkansas, Pittsburgh beating West Virginia and Oklahoma beating Missouri - it all fell into place the way it did and I just think it was meant to be."

That's a good theory. How else to explain how two teams that lost their second-to-last games are playing for the national championship?

The winner will become the first school to win two BCS titles since the Bowl Championship Series began in 1998. The Buckeyes won it in 2002, then lost 41-14 to Florida as a prohibitive favorite in last year's championship game.

LSU won the BCS title in 2003, beating Oklahoma right here in New Orleans, the Tigers' home 90 miles south of Baton Rouge.

Ohio State (11-1), the Big Ten champions, and LSU (11-2), champs of the Southeastern Conference, have been two of the nation's elite programs over the past six seasons; the Buckeyes have won 66 games and the Tigers 63.

Yet, there's been little talk about dynasties or a place in history going into this championship game.

The winner will get a crystal football and the title of BCS national champion, but the debate over which team is truly the best in the country will continue, especially by fans of Southern California and Georgia.

Showdown in the Big Easy

Top-ranked Ohio State faces a tough number two, LSU, in the BCS National Championship Game Monday night.

Ohio St. 11-1 — LSU 11-2

Average yards NCAA rank

	PASS	RUSH	TOTAL
OSU	204.8	200.7	405.4
	95th	22nd	
LSU	244.2	218.9	463.1
	53rd	13th	

Points per game (rank)

OSU	32.0 (39th)
LSU	38.7 (12th)

SOURCE: NCAA

Yardage leaders

	PASSING YDS	TDs
T. Boeckman	2,171	23
M. Flynn	2,233	17
RUSHING		
C. Wells	1,463	14
J. Hester	1,017	11
RECEIVING		
B. Robiskie	685	10
B. LaFell	641	3

AP

Thunder lose odd game

By DON SEROKA
For The Valley Independent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP — Something out of the ordinary could be expected to happen when Mon Valley squared off with Wooster Saturday at the Ice Garden for the fourth time in six days.

The Warriors skated away with a 6-4 win, but this game between the bitter rivals almost didn't happen.

First, the game's start time was moved up to 4:30 p.m. so as not to interfere with the Steelers' playoff game. Then Wooster had transportation problems which delayed the start until 5:30 p.m.

Then the teams were informed that because of other obligations at the Garden, the game had to be completed by 7:30 p.m.

When Wooster finally took the ice, it did so without a coach, as Matt McAlpin did not travel to Rostraver and is rumored to have been fired.

The contest began ominously as the referee, obviously in a hurry to get the game in, dropped the puck in the middle of the Canadian national anthem. Two minutes and four seconds later, Dave Sabol gave the Thunder an early 1-0 lead.

Wooster responded with goals by Ryan Potts and Adam Sinewitz, and went to the locker room with a 2-1 lead after a brisk first period.

Only one first-period penalty was called between two teams that amassed a few hundred penalty minutes in their last three meetings.

The second period was a bit more normal with both teams making periodic visits to the penalty box, but the Thunder were unable to capitalize on their chances as they fired 39 shots at Wooster goalie Nick Riebel in the first two periods.

Former Warrior Jim Stussey and Gary Klapkowski added second-period goals for the Thunder, but Wooster picked up goals from Frank Furdero, Alex Wasserstrom and Don Patrick to carry a 5-3 lead into the third period.

Gary Gagne pulled Mon Valley to within one with three minutes left in the game, and David Sabol gave the Thunder a lift by dropping the gloves with Jon Genson.

But an empty net goal by Frank Furdero iced the game for the Warriors and knotted the mini-series at two games apiece.

ICE CHIPS: The Thunder played without leading scorer Joey Olson who was recalled to Johnstown of the ECHL. In his first game for the Chiefs against the Wheeling Nailers, Olson scored a goal and had a run-in with former Pittsburgh Penguin tough guy Francois Leroux.

CONGRATULATIONS
WEEK 17 POWER POINTS
FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS!
$1,000
REGIONAL GRAND PRIZE
MICHELLE MCGUIRE, TITUSVILLE, PA
133/136 PTS TIE BREAKER - 38
$500
LOCAL GRAND PRIZE
MARY RENZI, CONNELLSVILLE, PA
130/136 PTS
$50 Randomly Drawn Winners
DEBRA ROBERTS, CHARLEROI
VIVIAN WORST, WEXFORD
B. KLINGENSMITH, FORD CLIFF
BURTON HARRIS, GREENSBURG
GARY KITCHEN, VANDERGRIFT
TRIB TOTAL MEDIA

SPORTS DIGEST

California cagers in crossover sweep

California University's basketball teams looked back on a weekend PSAC crossover sweep on the road.

The Cal men (9-2) downed Bloomsburg, 75-65, Sunday after an 80-71 victory at Mansfield Saturday.

The Cal women routed Bloomsburg, 86-52, Sunday following a 71-47 romp at Mansfield.

Julian Logan had 19 points and eight rebounds in Sunday's win with Ron Banks pouring in a career-high 25 points with 11 rebounds in Saturday's victory.

Brooque Williams was hot for the women with a career-high 33 points at Bloomsburg and 20 points at Mansfield.

The Vulcans resume Saturday at Hamer Hall with a doubleheader against East Stroudsburg with the women playing in the opener at 1 p.m.

Earlier start for Ringgold

With no junior varsity contest, the Ringgold High girls' basketball team will host Keystone Oaks at 6 p.m. today in Class AAA Section 4.

The Lady Rams (10-2) upped their winning streak to nine with a 58-33 romp over visiting Belle Vernon Area Saturday night.

Alina Selby (19) and Emily Schartner (18) combined for 37 points to outscore the Lady Leps (3-9).

Selby also had 11rebounds with Schartner contributing six assists and three steals. Jennie Affinito had five assists.

Jocelyn Connolly scored 10 points for BVA, all in the second half.

Monessen Adult title game set

Uniontown will play State Property Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Monessen Civic Center in the Monessen Adult Basketball League championship game.

In Sunday's semifinals, Uniontown downed D-Boyz, 89-64, and State Property shaded Once Call Plumbing, 85-82, behind Nate Black's 21 points.

High in losing causes were D-Boyz' Dennis Kenney (17) and One Call Plumbing' Chris DeBerardinis (23).

Ringgold loses to Baldwin

The Ringgold High boys fell to 5-11 with a 71-51 defeat to visiting Baldwin Saturday afternoon. R.J. Brownlee had 16 points for the Rams, who trailed 32-19 at halftime.

Madonna Catholic wins section opener

Madonna Catholic opened section play with a 47-35 win over St. Simon and Jude behind Skyler Zimmerman's 13 points.

California eighth graders split

California's eighth grade Metro basketball team lost to Belle Vernon, 52-48, Sunday after a 43-37 win over South Park Saturday.

Tanner Huffman's 20 points were high in the Trojans' win with Brian Fisher scoring 21 points in the Trojans' loss.

Clemens sues former trainer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens beat Brian McNamee to court, filing a defamation suit against the former trainer who claimed to have injected him with performance-enhancing drugs.

Clemens filed the suit Sunday night in Harris County District Court in Texas, listing 15 alleged statements McNamee made to the baseball drug investigator George Mitchell. Clemens claimed the statement were "untrue and defamatory."

"According to McNamee, he originally made his allegations to federal authorities after being threatened with criminal prosecution if he didn't implicate Clemens," according to the 14-page petition, obtained early today by The Associated Press.

Trivia answer

Dallas and the New York Giants.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Daryl Johnson scored nine of his career-high 24 points in the final 3:35 to lead Monessen to a 78-73 win over Uniontown.

Rick Webb poured in 31 points in Ringgold's 82-62 romp over Connellsville.

Charleroi downed Yough, 83-71, behind Robbie Uhlman's 27 points.

Tom Parks had 25 points in Belle Vernon Area's 91-44 rout over Brownsville.

20 Years Ago

Georgetown upset No. 2 and previously unbeaten Pitt, 62-57, in the Big East opener for both teams.

10 Years Ago

Sophomore Latitia Williams had 17 points and 16 rebounds in Monessen's 41-36 win over Washington.

Eric Watson had 20 points in California University's 69-60 loss at Clarion.

Heather Corby had 24 points in California University's 59-57 defeat at Clarion.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	23	15	3	49	101	97
Pittsburgh	23	16	2	48	120	114
N.Y. Rangers	20	17	5	45	102	104
Philadelphia	20	15	4	44	118	110
N.Y. Islanders	20	16	4	44	98	110

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	27	10	4	58	148	116
Montreal	20	13	8	48	126	117
Boston	21	16	4	46	108	108
Buffalo	19	18	3	41	120	117
Toronto	16	18	8	40	120	136

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	21	19	4	46	134	141
Atlanta	21	21	1	43	124	142
Florida	19	20	3	41	104	115
Washington	17	20	5	39	117	131
Tampa Bay	15	22	5	35	121	144

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	32	8	3	67	151	90
St. Louis	20	14	5	45	97	99
Columbus	19	17	6	44	105	102
Nashville	20	18	2	42	112	117
Chicago	19	19	3	41	118	122

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	22	14	7	51	129	126
Vancouver	23	14	4	50	108	93
Minnesota	23	16	2	48	110	114
Colorado	22	16	3	47	119	118
Edmonton	18	21	4	40	111	131

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	23	12	6	52	105	94
Dallas	23	16	4	50	126	113
Anaheim	21	17	6	48	107	117
Phoenix	21	18	1	43	106	107
Los Angeles	15	26	2	32	123	143

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Saturday's Games

Washington 5, Montreal 4, OT
Detroit 3, Dallas 0
Pittsburgh 3, Florida 0
Boston 4, New Jersey 3
Ottawa 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
Philadelphia 3, Toronto 2
Nashville 4, Minnesota 1
St. Louis 1, Carolina 0
Phoenix 3, Anaheim 2, SO
Colorado 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, OT
Edmonton 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO
San Jose 3, Columbus 2
Calgary 6, Los Angeles 4

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 5, Buffalo 2
Detroit 3, Chicago 1

Today's Games

Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	21	1	0	42
Wooster	10	10	2	22
Jamestown	10	12	0	20
Valley Forge	7	13	1	15
Mon Valley	6	12	3	15

Saturday

Wooster 6, Mon Valley 4
Jamestown 6, Valley Forge 3

Sunday

Indiana 5, Valley Forge 3

Thursday

Wooster at Jamestown

Saturday

Mon Valley at Valley Forge (8 p.m.)
Jamestown at Wooster

Sunday

Mon Valley at Indiana (4 p.m.)
Valley Forge at Wooster

NFL playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs

Seattle 35, Washington 14
Jacksonville 31, Pittsburgh 29

Sunday, Jan. 6

N.Y. Giants 24, Tampa Bay 14
San Diego 17, Tennessee 6

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 12

Seattle at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at New England, 8 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 13

San Diego at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

Steelers summary

Jacksonville	7	14	7	3	—	31
Pittsburgh	7	0	3	19	—	29

First Quarter

Pit—Davenport 1 run (Reed kick), 10:03.
Jac—F.Taylor 1 run (Scobee kick), 9:39.

Second Quarter

Jac—Mathis 63 interception return (Scobee kick), 10:19.
Jac—Jones-Drew 43 pass from Garrard (Scobee kick), 8:34.

Third Quarter

Pit—FG Reed 28, 9:24.
Jac—Jones-Drew 10 run (Scobee kick), 4:39.

Fourth Quarter

Pit—Holmes 37 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 14:53.
Pit—Miller 14 pass from Roethlisberger (run failed), 10:25.
Pit—Davenport 1 run (pass failed), 6:21.
Jac—FG Scobee 25, :37.
A—63,629.

	Jac	Pit
First downs	14	24
Total NetYards	239	340
Rushes-yards	29-135	26-43
Passing	104	297
Punt Returns	3-31	1-8
Kickoff Returns	6-140	5-83
Interceptions Ret.	3-67	2-33
Comp-Att-Int	9-21-2	29-42-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-36	6-40
Punts	4-50.0	4-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-40	5-50
Time ofPossession	27:01	32:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Jacksonville, Garrard 5-58, F.Taylor 16-48, Jones-Drew 8-29. Pittsburgh, Davenport 16-25, Roethlisberger 4-13, Davis 3-3, Russell 3-2.

PASSING—Jacksonville, Garrard 9-21-2-140. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 29-42-3-337.

RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Wilford 2-39, R.Williams 2-23, Lewis 2-16, Jones-Drew 1-43, Northcutt 1-17, F.Taylor 1-2. Pittsburgh, Ward 10-135, Miller 8-85, Holmes 3-49, Davenport 2-23, Davis 2-14, Wilson 1-10, Washington 1-8, Spaeth 1-7, Russell 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOAL—Jacksonville, Scobee 46 (WR).

Albert Dukes and Ohio State will face LSU in the BCS Championship Game at 8:15 p.m. on Channel 53.

Sports dial

Today

Television

8:15 p.m. Channel 53 - Ohio State vs LSU, college football.

Radio

7 p.m. WPIT (730) - Robert Morris at Boston College, college basketball.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	3	.906	—
New Jersey	17	16	.515	12 1/2
Toronto	17	17	.500	13
Philadelphia	14	20	.412	16
New York	8	24	.250	21

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	13	.629	—
Washington	17	15	.531	3 1/2
Atlanta	15	16	.484	5
Charlotte	11	21	.344	9 1/2
Miami	8	26	.235	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	26	8	.765	—
Cleveland	17	17	.500	9
Indiana	16	19	.457	10 1/2
Chicago	13	19	.406	12
Milwaukee	13	20	.394	12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	23	9	.719	—
Dallas	23	11	.676	1
New Orleans	23	11	.676	1
Houston	17	17	.500	7
Memphis	10	23	.303	13 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	21	12	.636	—
Portland	21	13	.618	1/2
Utah	18	17	.514	4
Seattle	9	24	.273	12
Minnesota	4	29	.121	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	23	10	.697	—
L.A. Lakers	21	11	.656	1 1/2
Golden State	19	15	.559	4 1/2
Sacramento	12	20	.375	10 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	21	.323	12

Saturday's Games

New Jersey 113, Atlanta 107
Boston 92, Detroit 85
Chicago 94, Sacramento 93
Houston 103, New York 91
New Orleans 118, Phoenix 113
Portland 103, Utah 89

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 93, Toronto 90
Washington 108, Seattle 86
Dallas 101, Minnesota 78
San Antonio 88, L.A. Clippers 82
Memphis 101, Miami 94
Milwaukee 93, Charlotte 89
Denver 109, Philadelphia 96
L.A. Lakers 112, Indiana 96

Today's Games

Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

High school basketball lineups

BOYS

Baldwin - 71

O'Brien, 12-0-28; Joyce, 4-0-8; Zewe, 1-0-2; Murphy, 2-1-6; Wallace, 1-2-4; Einwag, 3-1-8; Greer, 1-0-2; Sedlock, 1-0-2; Schwartz, 1-0-2; Lauterbach, 2-0-6. Totals: FG - 28, F - 4 (8), T - 71

Ringgold - 51

Bassi, 4-1-9; Brownlee, 6-4-16; Mountain, 0-0-0; Bekavac, 1-0-2; Patch, 3-0-8; Smith, 5-0-10; Madar, 2-0-5; Yost, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 21, F - 6 (12), T - 51.

Score by quarters:

Baldwin	15	17	27	12	- 71
Ringgold	7	12	16	16	- 51

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Patch 2, Madar. Baldwin - O'Brien 4, Lauterbach 2, Murphy, Einwag.

Girls

Ringgold - 58

Schartner, 5-5-16; Selby, 7-5-19; Affinito, 2-0-4; Resanovich, 1-0-3; Leach, 0-4-4; Melzer, 2-27; Pantojas, 2-1-5. Totals: FG - 19, F - 17 (21), T - 58.

Belle Vernon Area - 33

Manderino, 2-0-4; Timko, 2-0-4; Connoilly, 3-2-10; Sheehan, 1-0-2; Gorecki, 1-1-3; Anderson, 2-0-4; Vargo, 0-2-2; Miller, 2-0-4. Totals: FG - 13, F - 5 (9), T - 33.

Score by uarters:

BV Area	2	7	11	13	- 33
Ringgold	19	10	15	22	- 58

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Scharnter, Resanavich, Meizer. BVA - Connolly 2.

Bowl glance

Sunday's Game
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.

Tulsa (9-4) vs. Bowling Green (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Today's Game
BCS National Championship
At New Orleans
Payout: $17 million

Ohio State (11-1) vs. LSU (11-2), 8 p.m. (FOX)

High school boys' basketball rankings

Pennsylvania high school boys' basketball rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Jan. 6, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last year's final ranking. NR means not ranked. Honorable mention teams listed alphabetically.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Chester	(1)	11-1	1
2. Pennsbury	(1)	13-1	4
3. Reading	(3)	13-0	NR
4. Lower Merion	(1)	10-2	2
5. Ridley	(1)	12-2	NR
6. McKeesport	(7)	10-1	NR
7. Pittsburgh CC	(7)	11-2	NR
8. McDowell	(10)	12-1	NR
9. Bethlehem Liberty	(11)	12-1	NR
10. Schenley	(8)	13-1	6

Teams to watch

Allentown Allen (11) 9-3; CD East (3) 12-1; Conestoga (1) 10-3; Easton (11) 11-3; Moon (7) 9-4; Norristown (1) 14-0; North Allegheny (7) 13-1; Parkland (11) 9-4.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Commun.Tech	(12)	10-1	3
2. Susquehanna Twp.	(3)	10-1	2
3. General McLane	(10)	10-2	1
4. Steel-High	(3)	6-2	4
5. Chartiers Valley	(7)	13-1	7
6. Greencastle-Antrim	(3)	12-1	8
7. Hopewell	(7)	11-2	NR
8. Holy Ghost Prep	(1)	10-2	NR
9. West York	(3)	9-3	NR
10. Franklin	(10)	8-3	NR

Teams to watch

Franklin Learning Center (12) 7-1; Greensburg-Salem (7) 10-3; Grove City (10) 10-3; Holy Redeemer (2) 8-4; Milton (4) 11-2; Shamokin (4) 11-1; Somerset (6) 12-1; Southern Lehigh (11) 11-3.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Prep Charter	(12)	5-3	1
2. Imhotep	(12)	8-2	8
3. Strawberry Mansion	(12)	5-4	3
4. Beaver Falls	(7)	10-3	4
5. Jeannette	(7)	4-3	5
6. Aliquippa	(7)	8-5	2
7. North East	(10)	12-1	9
8. Columbia	(3)	13-1	NR
9. Farrell	(10)	9-3	7
10. Hughesville	(4)	11-1	NR

Teams to watch

Bishop McCort (6) 8-2; Delone (3) 12-1; Holy Cross (2) 9-2; Milton Hershey (3) 8-2; Northern Lehigh (11) 12-2; Trinity (3) 8-4; Wyoming Seminary (2) 9-0; York Catholic (3) 10-4.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Serra Catholic	(7)	10-1	2
2. Scotland	(3)	6-2	3
3. Girard College	(1)	8-2	NR
4. Faith Christian	(1)	11-1	NR
5. Pius X	(11)	9-2	NR
6. ND-E. Stroudsburg	(11)	8-5	NR
7. Coudersport	(9)	12-0	NR
8. DuBois CC	(9)	9-1	10
9. Bentworth	(7)	9-3	NR
10. Rocky Grove	(9)	10-0	NR

Teams to watch

Bishop Guilfoyle (6) 8-5; Elk County Catholic (9) 10-2; Harmony (6) 10-3; Kennedy Catholic (10) 5-7; Keystone (9) 9-2; Marian Catholic (11) 7-4; North Penn (4) 11-1; Williamsburg (6) 10-2.

High school girls' basketball rankings

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Abington Heights	(2)	12-0	NR
2. Downingtown East	(1)	12-1	4
3. Conestoga	(1)	10-1	5
4. Mt. Lebanon	(7)	14-0	7
5. Upper St. Clair	(7)	11-1	1
6. New Castle	(7)	9-2	6
7. Bethlehem Liberty	(11)	12-2	NR
8. Methacton	(1)	16-0	NR
9. Wilson	(3)	10-2	NR
10. Central Dauphin	(3)	9-5	3

Teams to watch

Allentown Allen (11) 11-1, Central Dauphin East (3) 12-2, Hollidaysburg (6) 8-2, State College (6) 11-2, Spring-Ford (1) 13-1, Upper Dublin (1) 13-3.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Mount St. Joseph	(1)	11-1	1
2. Mercyhurst Prep	(10)	11-1	4
3. Allentown C.C.	(11)	12-1	3
4. Villa Maria Academy	(1)	7-3	2
5. Hampton	(7)	12-2	NR
6. Hopewell	(7)	10-2	NR
7. Lewistown	(6)	8-2	NR
8. Bellefonte	(6)	9-3	8
9. Meadville	(10)	9-1	7
10. Engineering & Sci.	(12)	8-1	NR

Teams to watch

Blue Mountain (11) 13-2, Indiana (7) 13-1, Lampeter-Strasburg (3) 13-1, Selinsgrove (4) 10-0, Villa Joseph Marie (1) 10-3, West Mifflin (7) 11-3.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Villa Maria	(10)	11-3	1
2. York Catholic	(3)	15-0	2
3. Trinity	(3)	11-2	3
4. Girard	(10)	12-0	NR
5. Bishop McCort	(6)	9-1	5
6. OLSH	(7)	13-1	7
7. Washington	(7)	12-0	NR
8. Schuylkill Valley	(3)	10-2	NR
9. Bodine	(12)	9-2	NR
10. North Star	(5)	11-1	NR

Teams to watch

Dunmore (2) 12-1, East Juniata (4) 11-0, Northern Cambria (6) 11-1, Penns Valley (6) 9-3, Southern Huntingdon (6) 9-3.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. North Catholic	(7)	10-2	1
2. Bishop Guilfoyle	(6)	11-1	5
3. Monessen	(7)	14-0	8
4. Marian Catholic	(11)	10-0	3
5. Potts. Nativity BVM	(11)	11-1	2
6. Farrell	(10)	9-1	4
7. Serra Catholic	(7)	6-3	6
8. Reading C.C.	(3)	10-3	NR
9. Saltsburg	(6)	10-2	NR
10. Lebanon Catholic	(3)	8-6	9

Teams to watch

Coudersport (6) 9-2, Eisnehower (10) 7-3, Elk County Catholic (9) 9-1, Lourdes Regional (4) 7-5, Penns Manor (6) 9-2.

High school standings

BOYS

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	3	0	13	1
Keystone Oaks	3	0	8	7
Ringgold	2	1	5	11
South Park	1	2	4	9
McGuffey	0	3	3	8
Trinity	0	3	1	10

Today

Avella at McGuffey

Tuesday

Keystone Oaks at Ringgold
McGuffey at Chartiers Valley
South Park at Trinity

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Steel Valley	2	1	10	2
Belle Vernon Area	2	1	9	4
West Mifflin	2	1	6	6
Yough	2	1	6	7
Thomas Jefferson	1	2	2	8
Elizabeth Forward	0	3	2	11

Tuesday

Elizabeth Fwd. at Belle Vernon Area
Yough at Steel Valley
West Mifflin at Thomas Jefferson

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	6	0	11	4
Washington	5	1	11	4
Burgettstown	4	2	10	3
Brownsville	4	2	8	5
C-Houston	3	3	8	6
Charleroi	2	4	6	8
Beth-Center	0	6	3	10
Waynesburg	0	6	2	10

Today

Brownsville at Albert Gallatin
Mapletown at C-Houston

Tuesday

Monessen at Brownsville
Charlertoi at Washington
Beth-Center at Waynesburg
C-Houston at Burgettstown

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	3	0	8	4
Geibel	2	0	3	7
Carmichaels	2	1	7	3
Jeff-Morgan	1	2	4	10
Mapletown	0	2	6	5
West Greene	0	3	1	9

Tuesday

California at Jeff-Morgan
Carmichaels at Geibel
Mapletown at West Greene

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	4	0	10	1
Bentworth	4	1	9	3
Clairton	3	2	5	6
Sacred Heart	3	2	4	10
Cornell	2	3	7	6
Avella	1	5	4	9
Frazier	0	4	1	10

Tuesday

Bentworth at Frazier
Clairton at Serra
Cornell at Sacred Heart

GIRLS

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	3	0	10	2
West Allegheny	2	1	7	7
Chartiers Valley	2	1	7	6
McGuffey	1	2	6	6
Keystone Oaks	1	2	4	7
Waynesburg	0	3	3	9

Today

Keystone Oaks at Ringgold
McGuffey at Chatiers Valley
West Allegheny at Waynesburg

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	3	0	11	3
Thomas Jefferson	3	0	6	8
Elizabeth Forward	2	1	10	3
Steel Valley	1	2	7	4
Yough	0	3	6	8
Belle Vernon Area	0	3	3	9

Today

Elizabeth Fwd. at Belle Vernon Area
Yough at Steel Valley
West Mifflin at Thomas Jefferson
Tuesday
Steel Valley at McKeesport

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	5	0	12	0
Brownsville	4	2	11	3
Beth-Center	3	2	8	4
Charleroi	3	2	6	7
Bentworth	2	3	7	6
C-Houston	1	4	5	9
Burgettstown	0	5	2	13

Today

Charleroi at Washington
Bentworth at Beth-Center

Tuesday

Burgettstown at C-Houston (6 p.m.)
Brownsville at McGuffey
Fort Cherry at Bentworth

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	3	0	7	5
Carmichaels	3	0	5	7
Mapletown	1	2	8	4
California	1	2	4	8
West Greene	1	2	1	11
Jeff-Morgan	0	3	1	11

Today

California at Jeff-Morgan
Carmichaels at Geibel
Mapletown at West Greene

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	5	0	14	0
Clairton	3	1	5	4
Serra	2	1	6	3
Avella	1	2	5	6
Trinity Christian	1	4	4	9
Frazier	0	4	0	14

Pitt lineups

VILLANOVA - 64

Clark 3-8 0-0 7, Cunningham 1-4 4-4 6, Reynolds 1-6 2-3 4, Fisher 2-8 0-1 4, Redding 1-8 1-2 4, Pena 5-8 2-4 12, Grant 6-12 6-7 22, Anderson 1-4 3-3 5, Stokes 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-59 18-24 64.

PITTSBURGH - 63

Brown 3-5 3-4 10, Young 7-13 2-2 16, Blair 5-14 2-5 12, Benjamin 6-9 0-0 15, Ramon 1-5 0-1 3, Biggs 3-8 1-1 7, Wanamaker 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-55 8-13 63.

Halftime—Tied 30.

3-Point Goals—Pittsburgh 5-11 (Benjamin 3-5, Ramon 1-2, Brown 1-3, Young 0-1), Villanova 6-22 (Grant 4-7, Redding 1-3, Clark 1-4, Anderson 0-1, Fisher 0-2, Reynolds 0-5). Fouled Out—Benjamin, Clark. Rebounds—Pittsburgh 43 (Blair 15), Villanova 31 (Cunningham 9). Assists—Pittsburgh 10 (Ramon 3), Villanova 8 (Reynolds 4).

Cal U lineups

Men

Sunday

California - 75

Banks, 6-1-13; Mbaye, 3-1-7; Logan, 7-5-19; Hairston, 3-2-8; Brooks, 7-2-17; Sawyer, 1-0-2; Berenato, 2-0-5; Vaughn, 0-0-0; Colao, 1-2-4; Parker, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 30 (54), F - 13 (19), T - 75.

Bloomsburg - 65

Allen, 2-2-6; Traykov, 0-0-0; Jerry, 5-6-16; Rose, 5-4-15; Jones, 5-1-14; Green, 1-0-3; DeJesus, 3-0-8; Long 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 22(53), F - 14 (23), T - 65.

Halftime score: 39-31, California

Three-pointers: California (2-11) Brooks, Berenato, Bloomsburg (7-16) Jones 3, DeJesus 2, Rose, Green.

Saturday

California - 80

Hairston, 3-7-13; Logan, 5-2-12; Brooks, 0-1-1; Banks, 9-7-25; Mbaye, 1-6-8; Sawer, 2-0-6; Colao, 6-1-15; Berenato, 0-0-0; Vaughn, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 26 (49), F - 24 (32), T 80.

Mansfield - 71

Greene, 5-5-19; Carr, 3-2-8; Hill, 0-0-0; Luarasi, 0-0-0; Pender, 6-0-15; Hampton, 4-3-12; Owens, 2-0-5; Lawley, 3-1-7; Callahan, 2-0-5. Totals: FG - 25 (57), F 11 (14), T 71.

Halftime score: 39-35, California.

Three-pointers: California (4-15) Sawyer 2, Colao 2, Mansfield (10-19) Greene 4, Pender 3, Hampton, Owens, Lawley.

Women

Sunday

California - 86

Smith, 5-3-13; Johnson, 4-0-8; Williams, 15-3-33; Andrews, 7-0-14; Mance, 5-0-10; Victor, 1-0-2; Dubyak, 3-0-6; DiPietro, 0-0-0; Evans, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 40 (85), F - 6 (13), T - 86.

Bloomsburg - 52

Dennison, 2-0-4; Kegerreis, 3-5-11; Rankin, 3-0-8; Healy, 2-3-8; Jones, 4-2-13; Brooks, 1-0-2; Nryhard, 1-2-4; Lara, 1-0-2.Totals: FG 17 (48), F - 12 (22), T - 52.

Halftime score: 42-27.

Three-pointers: California (0-12), Bloomsburg (6-19) Jones 3, Rankin 2, Healy.

Saturday

California - 71

Johnson, 2-3-7; Williams, 9-2-20; Andrews, 4-0-8; Dubyak, 3-5-11; Smith, 8-1-17; Victor, 2-0-4; mance, 1-0-2; DiPietro, 0-0-0; Evans, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 30 (75), F - 11 913), T - 71.

Mansfield - 47

Meacham, 4-2-10; Brooks, 2-0-4; Akins, 1-0-2; Espigh, 4-0-10; Correll, 3-0-6;' ASkins, 2-0-4; Eastman, 1-0-2; Atallah, 1-0-2; Gaeta, 2-3-7. Totals: FG - 20 (47), F - 5 (7), T - 47.

Halftime score: 43-16, California.

Three-pointers: California (0-8). Mansfield (2-9) Espigh 2.

Youth basketball

Monessen
Minor League

Sir Duncan 21, Buzzy's 16

High scorers: Sir Duncan's - Zach Piccarell, 9; Buzzy's - Jaden Altimore, 11.

Eastgate 14, Libby's 6

High scorer: Eastgate - Noah Yartin, 11.

Jules 19, Bart's 10

High scorer: Jules - Lavelle Rush, 8.

Jules 24, Eastgate 9

High scorers: Jules - Tyler Mikita, 8; Eastgate - Noah Yartin, 6.

Bart's 21, Sir Duncan 14

High scorer: Zach Piccarelli, 8.

Buzzy's 20, Libby's 8

High scorers: Buzzy's - Jaden Altimore, 12; Libby's - Bryan Harris, 6.

Midget League

Union 46, Holmes 32

High scorers: Union - Alonzo Newsuan, 15; Holmes - Sam Dickerson, 14.

Hilltop 62, Naccarato's 23

High scorers: Hilltop - Jalen Madison, 20; Naccarato's - Josh Stepoli, 9.

Naccarato's 47, Holmes 27

High scorers: Holmes - Sam Dickerson, 14.

Hilltop 57, Union 33

High scorers: Hilltop - Chavous Heath, 14; Union 0 Alonzo Newsuan, 16.

Future Lady Greyhounds Championship

Shrader 29, CTC 18

High scorers: Shrader - Geena Shrader, 23; CTC - Chelsea Szakel, 8.

Consolation

Chester 21, Naccarato's 0
High scorer: Chester - Mariah Ward, 11.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with 1B Ben Broussard. Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Davis on a minor league contract.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Traded OF Angel Pagan to the New York Mets for RHP Ryan Meyers and OF Corey Coles.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Recalled G Maurice Ager from Tulsa (NBADL).

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Waived C DJ Mbenga. Recalled C Kosta Perovic from Bakersfield (NBADL).

Latest Line

BEST BET: Ohio State is 0-7 vs. the spread its last seven games against SEC opponents and the Buckeyes played a very weak non-conference schedule this season. Tigers' head coach Les Miles is 13-0 straight-up and 11-1 vs. the spread against non-conference opponents. Miles is a Michigan man and we all know how important this game is to him, especially after turning down a dream head coaching job at his alma mater to stay with the Tigers. Take LSU -4 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Divisional Playoffs		
Saturday, Jan 12		
GREEN BAY	8 (40)	Seattle
N. ENGLAND	12 (49)	Jacksonville
Sunday, Jan 13		
INDIANAPOLIS	8 (49)	San Diego
DALLAS	7 1/2 (47)	NY Giants

College Football Bowl Games

Favorite	Points	Underdog
BCS Championship Game		
Louisiana Superdome		
New Orleans, LA.		
LSU	4 (48)	Ohio State

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
PHOENIX	7 1/2	Denver
GOLDEN STATE	1 1/2	San Antonio

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
YOUNGS. ST.	3	Wisc Milwaukee
NORTH TEXAS	11	La-Monroe
Butler	10 1/2	LOY. CHICAGO
COLORADO	2 1/2	Tulsa
SANTA CLARA	12	San Jose State
CS Fullerton	10	CAL RIVERSIDE
NC GREENS.	20 1/2	The Citadel
MARIST	9	Manhattan
TENN. TECH	7 1/2	Morehead St
AUSTIN PEAY	16	Eastern Illinois
SE MO ST	3 1/2	Murray State
TENN. ST	8	Tenn. Martin
Samford	3	JACKS. ST

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
DALLAS	Even-1/2	Minnesota
EDMONTON	Even-1/2	NY Islanders
ANAHEIM	1/2-1	Nashville

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

College basketball scores

MEN

EAST

Albany, N.Y. 80, Vermont 79, OT
American U. 69, Columbia 56
Binghamton 69, Boston U. 49
Lehigh 68, Princeton 49
Loyola, Md. 63, Iona 51
Rider 102, Canisius 51
Siena 79, St. Peter's 56
Stony Brook 75, Maine 59
UMBC 86, New Hampshire 73
Villanova 64, Pittsburgh 63
West Virginia 79, Marquette 64

SOUTH

Duke 81, Cornell 67
Georgia Tech 77, Presbyterian 64
North Carolina 90, Clemson 88
Xavier 80, Auburn 57

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 62, E. Michigan 53
Drake 71, Evansville 68
Kent St. 68, Buffalo 63
Ohio St. 62, Northwestern 51
Penn St. 68, Illinois 64
Toledo 58, Ball St. 54

FAR WEST

N. Colorado 55, Weber St. 52

WOMEN

EAST

Boston College 60, N.C. State 59
Drexel 59, Hofstra 30
George Washington 98, Brown 22
Holy Cross 66, Yale 59
Iona 67, Rider 58
Siena 78, Canisius 65
St. Peter's 81, Niagara 69
Va. Commonwealth 77, Northeastern 65

SOUTH

Delaware 64, George Mason 49
Florida St. 67, Virginia Tech 63
James Madison

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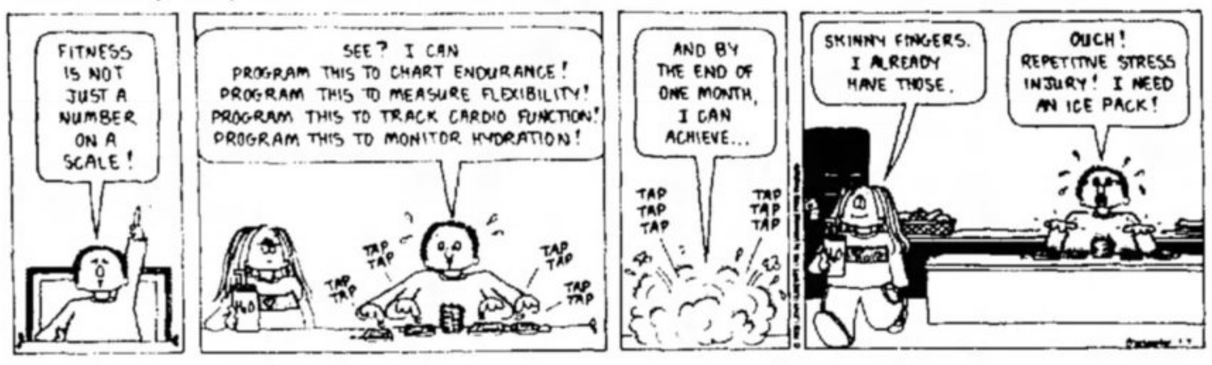

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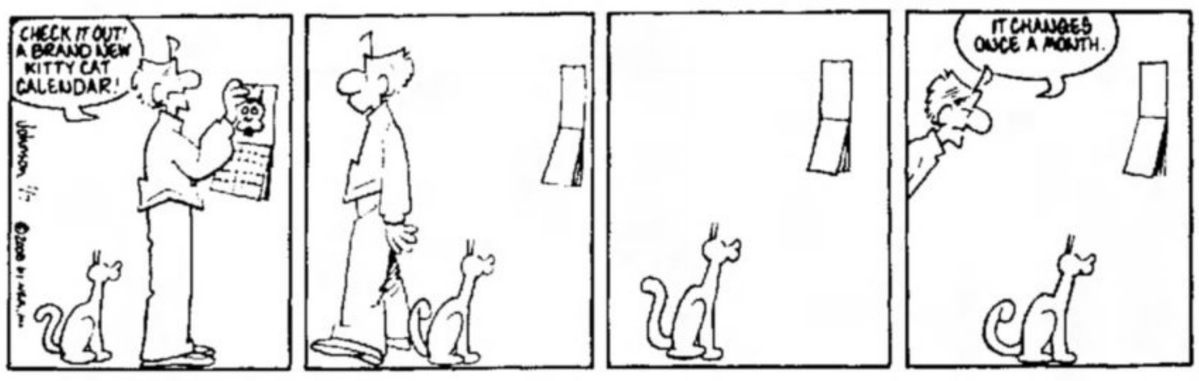

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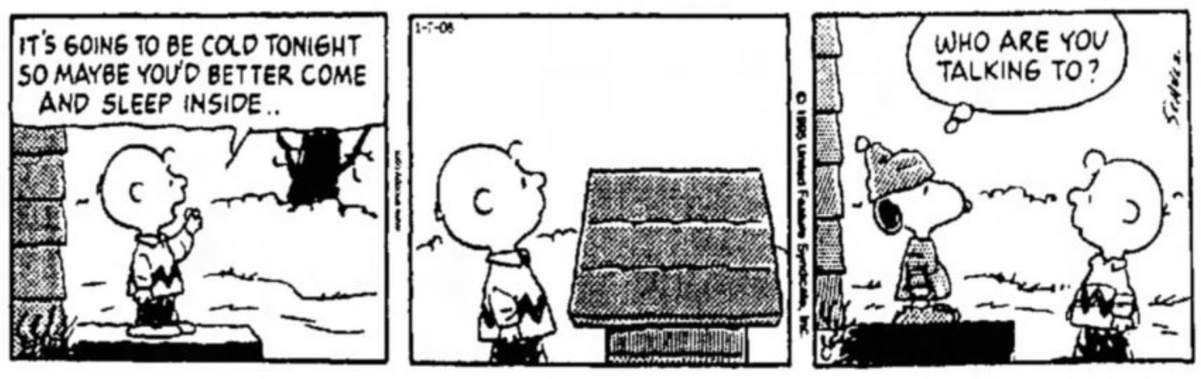

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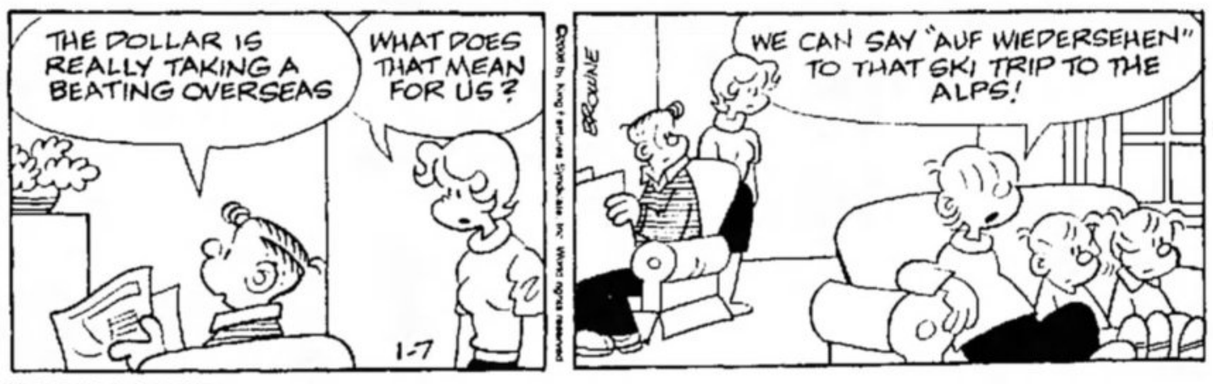

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ACROSS

1 Showtime rival
4 Sprawls
8 Lettuce layer
11 Rochester's Jane
13 Tombstone deputy
14 Primate
15 Move the furniture
17 Actress — Thompson
18 Not awake
19 Less cramped
21 NBC rival
22 Ceiling
23 Watchdog breed
26 Population survey
29 Speckles
30 Fender nick
31 Apply salve
33 Note before la
34 Physics topic
35 Cruising
36 Inelegant solution
38 Urban maps
39 Golly!
40 Convene
41 Wahine's welcome
44 Piece of china
48 Driving hazard
49 Inferior (hyph.)
52 Golf coup
53 Cut some slack
54 Misre present data
55 Lobster eggs
56 Irish playwright
57 Winding curve

DOWN

1 Zeus' spouse
2 Farewells
3 Kind of surgeon
4 Pounces
5 Fleming of spydom
6 Joule fraction
7 Gushing forth
8 Hairless
9 Pentathlon event
10 Honey
12 Constructs
16 "Fancy" singer
20 Psyche parts
22 Monocle, for instance
23 TV spots
24 Flake
25 "— cost you"
26 Movie
27 Sky bear
28 Tallow source
30 Venetian magistrate
32 — -relief
34 Forms a thought
35 Busy places in June
37 Yech!
38 Dappled
40 Fling
41 In the distance
42 Loony
43 Curved molding
45 Dessert choice
46 Versatile vehicles
47 Benches
50 Derisive snort
51 My mind — — blank

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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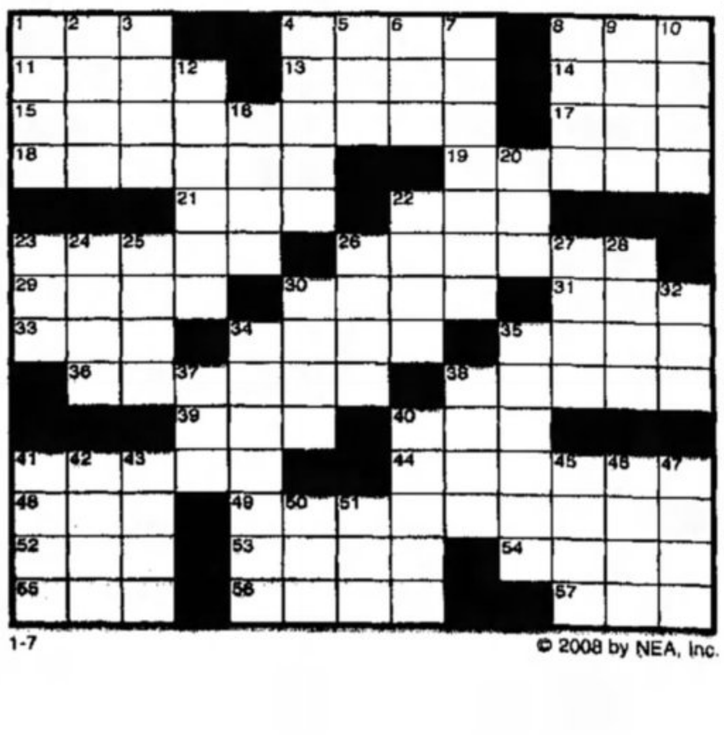

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Mom's retirement puts end to son's free ride at home

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I have two adult sons living at home, ages 22 and 24. Both are working. I have recently retired, and my income has become half of what it was before. I told my sons that if they are to continue living here, they must pay room and board of $30 a week or find a place to live with the amenities they have here.

They are now ranting and raving and calling me a bad mother. Am I being unreasonable? I feel I have provided my sons with a good life, and it is now time for them to take some responsibility for their own support. It's time to grow up. Am I wrong?

My oldest son says he refuses to help me pay my mortgage! I told him to either pay the $120 a month or try to find a cheaper place to live. Any thoughts on this? — **STRESSED-OUT MOM, LAKE VIEW, N.Y.**

DEAR STRESSED OUT: You're making perfect sense to me. If your older boy was not centered so much on himself and his wants (notice, I didn't say "needs"), he would realize that you have made him a generous offer.

Because of your diminished income, of COURSE there is no question that your sons should contribute to the household expenses. It's possible they won't realize what a good deal they've been having until they try to match it in the real world. Stand your ground, Mom, and don't take any back talk.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married four years. During that time we have had three children. Our youngest was born three months ago with various medical problems including heart defects, enlarged kidneys, hearing problems and Down syndrome.

To top it off, I have recently been diagnosed with cancer. I start radiation and chemo next month. I am stressed to say the least, and being intimate with my husband right now is at the bottom of my list of things I need to do.

My husband is having a problem understanding why I am not interested in sex. He takes it personally when I don't accept his advances.

I love him very much, and I'm grateful for everything he does for me and the kids, but right now I have no interest in sex. How can I get through to him without hurting his feelings? And how do I stop the advances so I don't feel so guilty? — **STRESSED IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR STRESSED: Excuse me? You've had three children in four years, you're caring for a newborn with physical and developmental disabilities and you're beginning treatment for a life-threatening illness. Frankly, I'm surprised you are still standing.

If necessary, drag your spouse to your OB/GYN, your pediatrician and your oncologist.

Your husband may be the father of three, but he needs to learn the facts of life — the first of which is that right now, you are physically and emotionally distracted and unable to perform as he would wish.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I recently attended a lovely party at a home with two baby grand pianos. One of the guests — I'll call her "Sophie" — is an accomplished pianist, and she dearly wanted to sit down and play.

We encouraged her but she refused, stating that the host and hostess might not appreciate having their party interrupted. Should Sophie have asked permission, or would that have created undue pressure on the hostess? — **DAVID IN CUPERTINO, CALIF.**

DEAR DAVID: It depends on the hosts. Some would welcome it; others might not. Sophie was correct to refrain from playing the piano without being asked to.

It could have, indeed, been disruptive. And if either (or both) of the hosts is a serious musician, many musicians prefer that their instruments not be played by someone else.

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MONDAY EVENING

JAN. 7, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother Barney and Ted want attention.	The Big Bang Theory Leonard hopes to impress.	Two and a Half Men Odd reactions all around.	Rules of Engagement "Mr. Fix-It" Audrey has a problem.	CSI: Miami "Dangerous Son" A hostage situation turns into murder; Horatio thinks a suspect may be his son.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson			(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond Robert meets parents.	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Donna's mother consoles her.	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann (Series Premiere) (N)				October Road "Revenge of the Cupcake Kid" One of Nick's high-school endeavors comes back to haunt him. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	American Gladiators A karate instructor takes on a life coach; a satellite engineer takes on a radiation-control technician. (N)		Deal or No Deal A man from Hawaii returns to complete his game. (N)		Medium "And Then" Allison strikes an unusual deal. (Season Premiere) (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Late Night With Conan O'Brien		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Gavin Smith; David Oppenheim, Erick Lindgren, Phil Ivey, Doyle Brunson; Daniel Negreanu. (N)		
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	College Football Pregame	College Football Allstate BCS National Championship — LSU vs. Ohio State. The LSU Tigers take on the Buckeyes of Ohio State for the BCS National Championship. From New Orleans.								College Football Postgame	(8) News/ (53) Paid	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Paid	(8) Frasier/ (53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Antiques Roadshow "Baltimore, Maryland" (N)		Great Performances "Carnegie Hall Celebrates Berlin" Highlights from Carnegie Hall's "Berlin in Lights" festival. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		On Q	Black Horizons	Nature "The Desert Lions"		Masterpiece Theatre "Jane Eyre"	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody Hates Chris	Aliens in America	Girlfriends "Good Grief"	The Game	The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Celebrity Exposé		Meet My Folks		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Tough Choices Friends face difficult decisions.			Life Message	Origins	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Linda	Say Roberts	Joyce Meyer	Focus 4		In-Crosshairs	Myles Munroe
(54) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Movie				Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	CSI: Miami "Open Water"		CSI: Miami "Cop Killer"		Intervention "Jill"		Intervention "Brooke" (N)		Paranormal	Paranormal	Psychic Kids: Paranormal		Intervention "Jill"		Intervention "Brooke"		Paranormal	Paranormal
ABCFAM	★★★ Casper (1995)				★★★ Casper (1995)				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★½ Navy SEALS (1990)				★★½ Mission: Impossible (1996)					★★½ Firefox (1982) A Vietnam-era pilot tries to steal a Russian high-tech jet.						★★½ Navy SEALS (1990)		
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Arctic Exposure		Avalanche Dogs		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Avalanche Dogs		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Arctic Exposure	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Coupling	World	The Weakest Link	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Hell Date	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Comicview		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Jazz	BET Jazz
BRAVO	Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Make Me a Supermodel		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Inside the Actors Studio		★★★½ Witness (1985)	
CMT	Dukes of Hazzard		Mobile Home Disaster		Trick My Truck: Tailgate		Johnny Cash in San Quentin		Simon Cowell	Cable Guy	Road House 2 (2006)				My Truck	My Truck	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		1 vs. 100		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		1 vs. 100		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★½ Cadillac Man (1990)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Presents	Presents
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Murder by the Book (N)		The Investigators		Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Murder by the Book	
CSPAN	Today in Washington				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Mystery of the Human Hobbit		Sasquatch: Legend		America's Loch Ness		MythBusters		Mystery of the Human Hobbit		Sasquatch: Legend		America's Loch Ness	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Kimora: Fab	The Soup	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Kardashians	Kardashians	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	THS Investigates Kidnapping Abducted children.				Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Gameday		SportsCenter Special						SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Football Sp.	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing		Who's Number 1?		American Gladiators		Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.		Boxing	Greatest Hits	Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		NFL Live	2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		Winter X-Games	Classix (N)	PBA Bowling
EWTN	One-Hearts	Stand	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Best of Mother Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live (N)		Good Eats (N)	Secret Life of	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		Panthers	Toughest Cowboy		Toughman Special		SportsBeat	Final Score	Toughman Special		Final Score	Toughman Special		SportsBeat	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★★ Changing Lanes (2002)				★★★ Men of Honor (2000) The U.S. Navy's first black diver battles a crippling setback.						★★★ 28 Days Later (2002)					70s Show	Paid	Paid
GOLF	Play Lessons	Tour Clinic	Sony Open Highlights		Lessons	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Mercedes-Benz Championship — Final Round.					Golf Central	Tour Clinic	Ultimate Matches			Lessons	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Mystery Woman: In the Shadows (2007)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Offbeat Amer.	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Over Head	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me (N)	House	My First Place	Designed-Sell	Over Head	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me
HIST	Hitler's Managers		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels "Milk" (N)		Gangland "Hate Nation"		Shockwave		Hell's Angels		Modern Marvels "Milk"		Gangland "Hate Nation"		Shockwave	
LIFE	Reba "Pilot"	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	★★ Amber Frey: Witness for the Prosecution (2005)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	The Golden Girls		The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: Raw		Gladiator Days		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw		Gladiator Days	
MTV	Made Aspiring snowboarder.		Made Basketball team.		Made		Made "Wrestling"		Made "Boxer" (N)		Cribs Priciest Pads		Cribs Priciest Pads		Cribs Priciest Pads		Cribs Priciest Pads	
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show		Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs										PA Public Affairs				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News	News	News	Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Tactics	Tactics	Noein	Noein	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "Folie a Deux"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		★★ Tommy Boy (1995) Premiere.				CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager "Q2"		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★★½ Wimbledon (2004)				★★½ The Net (1995)	
TCM	★★★½ A Walk in the Sun (1946)				★★★½ The Matchmaker (1958) Premiere.				★★★ Emma (1996) Premiere.				★★★½ Hello, Dolly! (1969) A circa-1900 matchmaker nabs a Yonkers merchant for herself.					
TLC	Property Ladder		Kids by the Dozen		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Miss America Reality Check		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Miss America Reality Check		Kids by the Dozen	
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USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Psych		★★½ Jeepers Creepers	
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WE	Weddings	Weddings	Weddings	★★★ Under the Tuscan Sun (2003)					Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		★★★ Under the Tuscan Sun (2003)			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	The Matador	★★½ The Flintstones (1994)			★★★★ Rain Man (1988) Premiere.					★★ Sister Act (1992)			★★ Silent Hill (2006)				★★½ The Matador (2005)	
HBO	★★ Lady in the Water (2006)				★★★ The Last King of Scotland (2006) Premiere.				Extras Success is not what it seems.			Comedy Jam	★★★½ Dreamgirls (2006)				★★★ Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang	
MAX	★★½ Ricochet (1991)		★★★½ Scent of a Woman (1992) A blind man introduces a student to life's pleasures.						★★ Reno 911!: Miami (2007)			Naked Sins (2006)			Bedtime	★★½ Fast Times at Ridgemont High (1982)		
SHOW	Life Times	★★ Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit (1993)			★★ Aeon Flux (2005)				The L Word "LGB Tease"		★★ The Story of Us (1999)			★½ Ringmaster (1998)			★★★ Mighty Aphrodite	
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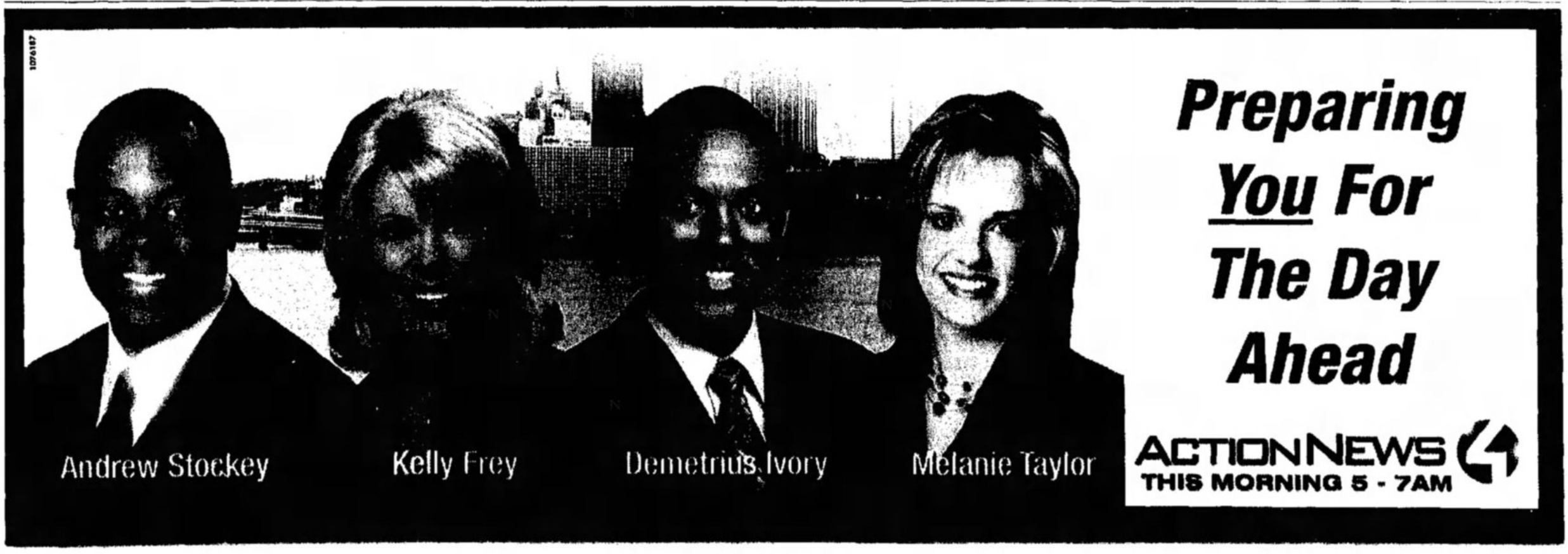
TMC	Jumanji (1995)	5ive Girls (2006)			★★½ Bad News Bears (2005)				★★½ The World's Fastest Indian (2005) Premiere.				★★ Strangers With Candy (2005)			★★★ Hustle & Flow (2005)		



CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Corning Glass Retirees meeting, Charleroi Senior Center at Riverside Place, 2 p.m.

■ Managing your Diabetes, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 8:30 a.m.

■ Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame board of directors quarterly meeting, Holiday Inn Belle Vernon, 7 p.m.

■ Mon Valley NAACP business meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 p.m.

■ RSDS Support Group meeting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 11 a.m.

■ Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition meeting, Monessen Public Library, 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Donora Smog Day meeting, Donora Borough Building, 7 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Twilight Borough Council to meet

Twilight Borough Council will hold its reorganization council meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday at the borough building.

Dance set at senior center

The Best of Times will provide the music when the Center in the Woods, California, presents the first of its monthly dances for the new year 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday. The admission charge includes food, snacks and beverages. For registration or information, call (724) 938-3554.

Tea party set in Monessen

Increasing College/Community Monies, ICCM, will hold a Tea Party for ages 8-13 from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Your Mamma's House Restaurant, Monessen. In the event of inclement weather, the tea will be held Jan. 19. Included in the admission charge will be finger food, crafts and dress up. A prize will be awarded for the best dress. All profits of the tea will benefit ICCM youth activities. For information, call Cherrie Russell at (724) 653-6802.

Fly tying program set

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation is offering an Introduction to Fly Tying program 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 16, 23 and 30. During the three-part program, participants will learn the basic steps to tie six fly patterns. The program is a great introduction to the art of fly tying. The group will meet in room 104 of the Courthouse Square Building, 100 West Beau St., Washington. Registration is required by calling (724) 228-6867.

Highway safety program set

Seniors for Safe Driving will present a highway safety education program for seniors 55 and over 8 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at the West Newton Senior Center and 8:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 24 at the Charleroi Senior Center. The programs are certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The completion of the program makes seniors eligible for a 5 percent discount on their automobile insurance premiums. To register, call 1-800-559-4880 or on the Internet at www.seniorsforsafedriving.com.

Humane Society collecting phones

The Washington Area Humane Society is collecting old cell phones in conjunction with a company that will reimburse the society for the phones, recondition them and give them out to those who cannot afford a cell phone. Phones can be dropped off at the humane society, Route 136, Eighty Four. Any company wishing to have a phone drop-off box at their location can contact volunteer Wynne Keatly at wkeatley@comcast.net.

Frugal Living

Create salad bar at home

Sara **NOEL**

"What's for dinner?" is a common daily question. My readers tell me they sometimes have sandwich night, breakfast for dinner or COTF ("clean out the fridge") meals.

How about trying a "build your own salad" night? It's a great frugal option for parties, to use up leftovers and introduce a variety of new foods to kids. With such a wide array of toppings and salad greens available, it can be different every time. As a bonus, salad ingredients can be used in sandwiches, soups and sauces, too. Salads are quick to prepare, and there's no fear of restaurant salad-bar "double dippers." If that's not reason enough to stay home, maybe these add-ins and recipes will convince you.

Greens: If your salads always start with iceberg lettuce, it's time to experiment. Try different greens like arugula, radicchio, endive, lollo rosso, romaine or baby spinach. These will add various flavors and textures to your salads. Check your produce department and get creative with the possibilities.

Veggies: Tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, celery and onions are basic salad staples. Other tasty options include radishes, cauliflower, peppers, broccoli, peas, eggplant, mushrooms, corn, chickpeas and zucchini. You can also roast vegetables for a different flavors.

Fruit: Mandarin oranges, apples, pineapple, cranberries, raisins, olives, avocados, grapes, pears, strawberries, blueberries, melons or peaches can complement bitter salad greens. Consider selecting fresh or dried fruit to toss in your salad with meat and cheese.

Nuts and seeds: Walnuts, almonds, cashews, sesame seeds, pecans and sunflower seeds are a few delicious accents that give a salad extra crunch.

Cheese: Try feta, Parmesan, cheddar, mozzarella, blue cheese or Monterey Jack.

Meat, poultry and seafood: Steak, bacon, tuna, shrimp, chicken, crab, ham or turkey can make your salads hearty enough for a stand-alone meal.

Spinach Salad with Strawberries

2 bunches baby spinach, washed and torn
2 cups sliced strawberries
2 cups blueberries
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1/3 cup white sugar
1/4 teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons sesame seeds

In a large bowl, combine spinach and strawberries. Whisk together the remaining ingredients and pour over the salad. Toss to coat. Optional: Can add toasted, sliced almonds. — Submitted by Darlene B., New York

Creamy Italian dressing

1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons milk
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon basil
1/4 teaspoon rosemary
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

In jar with tight-fitting lid, combine all ingredients and shake well. Serves 6. — Submitted by Lori, Illinois

Raspberry vinaigrette dressing

1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup raspberry wine vinegar
1/2 cup white sugar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon pepper

In jar with tight-fitting lid, combine all ingredients and shake well.

Homemade croutons

French bread baguette, cubed
1/4 cup butter or olive oil
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon salt
garlic powder

Using half the butter and cubed bread to start, melt butter in a frying pan over medium heat. Add bread cubes and turn them until all sides are toasted. Sprinkle on your seasonings and start the second batch. Optional: Toss bread cubes in oil, arrange on baking sheet, sprinkle on seasonings, bake at 400 F for 15 minutes or until dry and browned. Add your favorite Italian seasonings.

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ODDS & ENDS

Massive Sponge Bob snowmen melt as temps soar

BELVIDERE, Ill. (AP) — SpongeBob's melting. So are Patrick, Squidward, Gary and Plankton.

The massive made-from-snow replicas of the cast of the Nickelodeon cartoon "SpongeBob SquarePants" aren't expected to survive this week's record-setting warm weather.

Dave King spent more than 30 hours crafting the full-color snowmen in his front yard as a way to entertain his children.

"It was everything in my front yard, everything in my neighbor's driveway, everything in my driveway," the Belvidere resident said. "We were filling the pickup truck full of snow and backing it up and dumping it."

The snowy SpongeBob, the yellow sponge who calls a pineapple under the sea home, is nearly 13-feet tall.

The sculptures are painted with nearly two-dozen cans of spray paint and have drawn hundreds of spectators to King's northern Illinois neighborhood.

But with temperatures climbing into the mid-50s on Sunday, and spring-like temperatures expected to last through Monday, King said he knows his snow versions of the Pacific Ocean crew won't last long.

Still, that's not stopping friends from putting in requests for another round of snow characters — this time from "The Simpsons" or the movie "Cars."

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by Luis Campos

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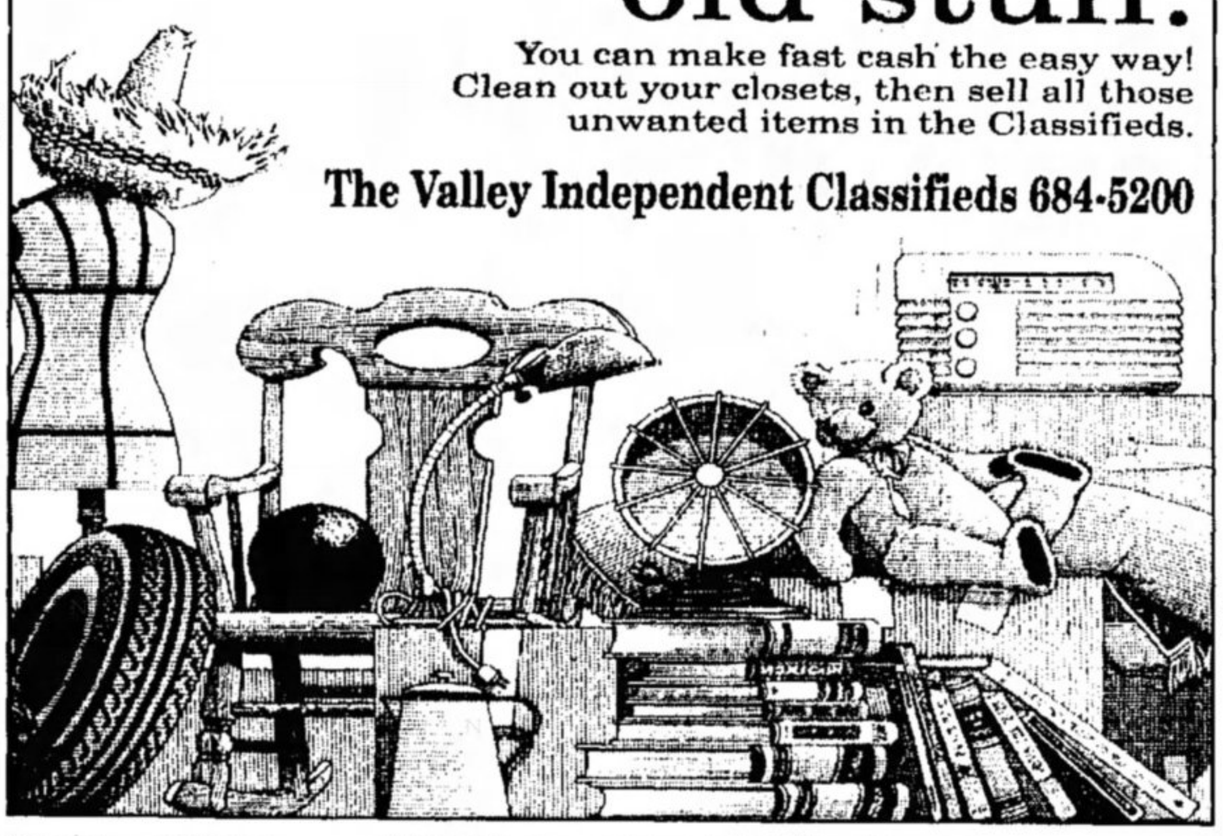

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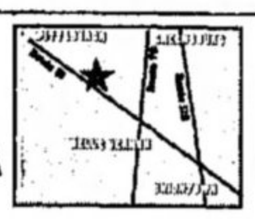

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A number of impressive changes in your game plan will be figured out in the year ahead. These will enable you to break through the barrier. What you have learned from past experience will allow you to select better targets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You have an opportunity to disengage yourself from an unproductive arrangement that you are caught up in. It is to your benefit to let it go and move on with the many new and wonderful things that await you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Something you previously viewed from a purely intellectual level will find new productive insight if you throw your emotions and feelings into the mix. The human factor will prove to be what was missing all along.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- An endeavor you have wanted to initiate but held off doing will finally run out of excuses. When it does, you will see the route that needs to be taken and move on it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Now is the time to establish some lofty objectives for yourself, especially those that are bigger than ones you are accustomed to. Even if you miss your mark, your progress will exceed your old exploits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20 -- Do not ignore any opportunities you get to acquire new knowledge pertaining to your present plans. What you learn could be far more useful than anything you had imagined in opening new doors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Listen attentively to any new proposals others have on the table, because there is a strong probability that one in particular will be extremely enticing. It might involve a joint endeavor that you will fit into quite nicely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Something that has been tedious to negotiate may finally break ground in coming to an amicable agreement. You can now move forward into new territory that will be quite fruitful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- This is a better time than ususal to initiate that exercise or diet program you have been putting off. Chances are better that this time you will stick to your goal and accomplish your aims exactly as you envision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You have wanted to play a much more active role in an involvement that you have had little to say about - the time to speak up is now. You will be given an opportunity to exercise your will and show your stuff.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- A constructive, new direction will affect both you and your family. Even if not everybody is quite ready to move on it, they will be willing to hop on board when they see the wagon rolling forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Begin to reshape your present plans so they will be more concise and orderly. You will have better focus on what you intend to accomplish over the coming weeks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be on your toes for a new financial trend that is being ushered in, because it is one that would be personally rewarding in more ways than you anticipate. You will want to take advantage of all that it has to offer.

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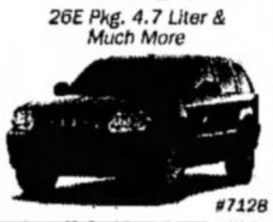

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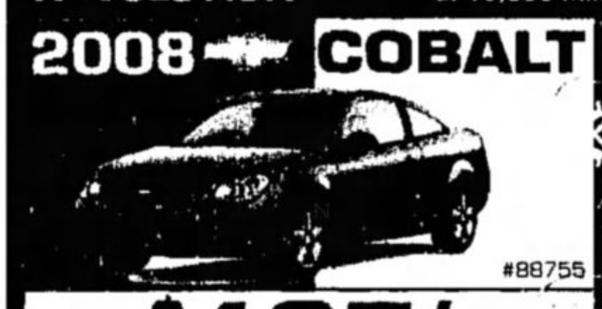

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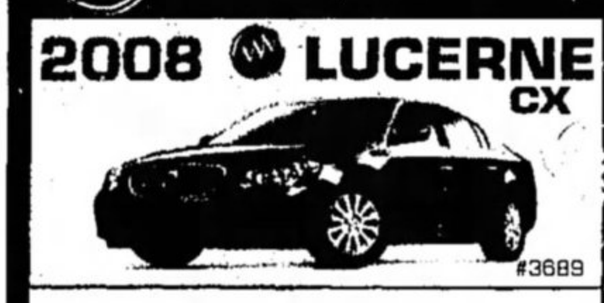

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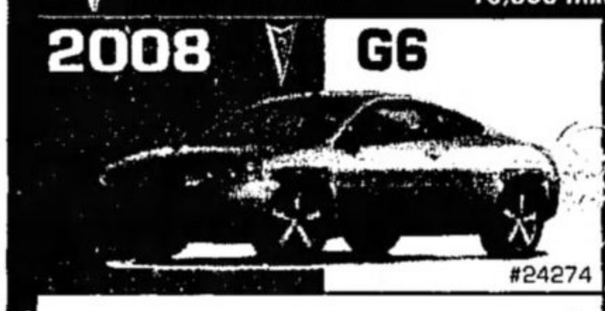

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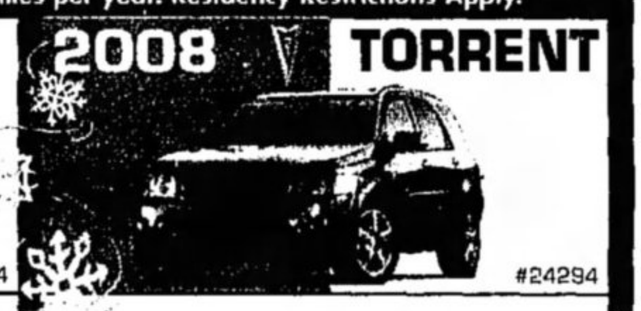

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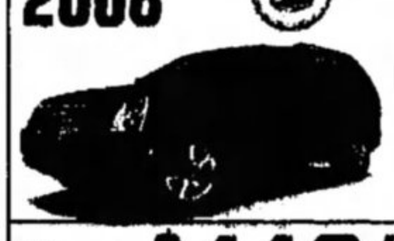

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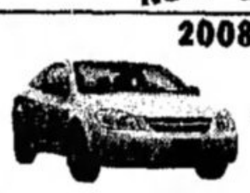

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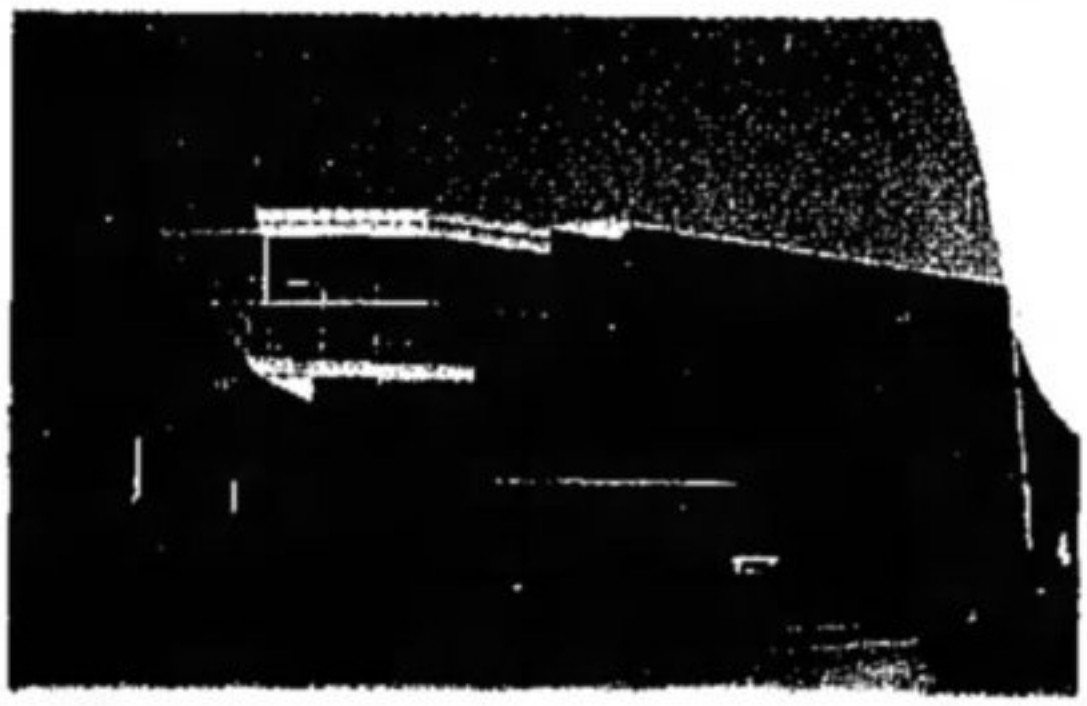

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Greetings from North Belle Vernon's Mayor

Once again, I have been asked to contribute to the Rostraver edition for *The Valley Independent*. It is always a pleasure to give complimentary comments to our neighbors to the north. As most of those know who live in the area, we are separated by boundary lines that serve as an impediment rather than what is best for the area as a whole. In other words, what ever good happens in Rostraver is something that is positive for the surrounding areas.

The reason for small boroughs to spring up over the years is to allow the citizenry to be able to have quick access to their representatives in government to remedy their problems in an expeditionary manner. The reverse of this thinking is becoming more of a reality. Small communities are continuing the struggle to provide services for the taxes that have been imposed. Fortunately, those that represent us in state and federal government provide a life support system through grants that allow us to sustain our "so-called identity."

Ed Lyons

As Rostraver continues to grow, it is important for them to surround themselves with the professional support staff to allow the township to move in a direction that would prove beneficial to all of its citizens. Rostraver is a big township that requires a vision that will sustain organized growth. I have found during my many years of experience in the private sector and also dealing with state and federal agencies that one must continue to seek out those that will offer solutions to complicated problems. We no longer are considered the "bread basket" that sustained the rest of the world; sadly, we are referred to as the "Rust Belt." I would hope that we would not let hidden boundary lines interfere with the thought process that "what is good for Rostraver is good for us all."

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The Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce maintains this project.

Funding for the planting and maintenance is provided primarily from five sponsors whose names are on a sponsorship sign located on the island.

Many compliments are received from the community regarding the attractiveness and beauty of this project.

The plans are to continue this asset in our community for as long as sponsorships and donations are available.

Our plans also include expanding this beautification project into additional communities in the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce region.

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Rostraver growth continues

Rostraver Township continues to be one of the most progressing Mid-Mon Valley municipalities.

With a population of 11,700, the township's location on major highways, combined with large tracts of open land, makes it attractive to commercial enterprises.

More than 300 businesses contribute to Rostraver's reputation as the finest and largest shopping area in the Valley.

Residents enjoy the township's scenic, rural atmosphere, and the area's recreational and educational opportunities.

The Belle Vernon School Board is planning a multi-million dollar renovation project involving all of the district's schools.

The project involves expansion of the all-day kindergarten program through the construction of four classrooms at Rostraver Elementary School and three classrooms at Marion Elementary School.

Air conditioning will be installed at Rostraver and Bellmar middle schools. It will be added to 20 rooms at Rostraver Elementary and 22 rooms at Marion Elementary.

Seven science labs at the high school will be upgraded.

The work is scheduled to start in April and is expected to take nine months to complete.

Construction of the township's new sewage system is entering the final stages this year.

The last phase of the project involves the installation of new service to the Rehoboth Valley, Pricedale and Lynnwood areas. That work is expected to be complete by the summer of 2009.

The new system will replace wildcat sewers in Pricedale and Lynnwood that discharge sewage into Speers Run.

A $1.6 million grant and a $9.4 million loan from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority was used to cover the first phase of the project - the installation of lines along Route 51 and Interstate 70.

PennVEST is a state agency that provides grants and low interest loans for municipal and waste water projects.

The Route 51 and Interstate 70 portion took about a year. It was completed in November.

Early in 2008, the township commissioners approved an $8.3 million bond for the last phase of the project.

The entire system will serve about 1,500 customers along routes 51 and 201 and Interstate 70 and in the Rehoboth Valley, Pricedale and Lynnwood areas.

A major road-widening project in a busy business section off Interstate 70 continued in 2007 and was expected to be complete this year.

The township commissioners have been working since 1995 to improve traffic flow on Finley Road by expanding about 1 1/2 miles of the route from where it meets Route 201 to Rehoboth Church Road.

Aside from infrastructural upgrades, the many outdoor opportunities in the township remain a constant.

Cedar Creek Park offers activities ranging from exploring the unspoiled beauty of the natural gorge to enjoying a free concert series at the park amphitheater to participating in sports such as softball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and cross country skiing.

Sixteen pavilions equipped with water and electricity, accommodating groups up to 500 people, make Cedar Creek Park a favorite spot for family outings or company picnics.

Municipal services available to residents of the township include a police force, three volunteer fire departments, and an emergency medical service with advanced life support units.

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Thunder brings pro hockey to the Valley

Last spring, the Mon Valley Thunder became the first announced franchise in the new Mid-Atlantic Hockey League.

Making it official at a press conference in May were league commissioner Jim Riggs and league president and founder Andrew Haines.

"I started working on the Mid-Atlantic League last May and first made contact with Jim who has a great deal of hockey experience," said Haines.

"We took the Thunder name because of the Mon Valley youth group. Our big mission is to get enhanced in the community with youth. We want to have a good relationship with the Mon Valley group with fund raising and our coaches and players will also work with the youngsters."

Riggs started his hockey career 20 years ago with the Carolina Thunderbirds of the Atlantic Coast Hockey League which eventually became the East Coast Hockey League.

He also spent 10 years as vice president and general manager of the Central Hockey League's Memphis RiverKings and also worked in the American Hockey League as assistant general manager and vice president of communications for the Washington Capitals' Baltimore Skipjacks.

"This situation is similar to starting the Central Hockey League from scratch and now it's in its 15th year," said Riggs. "If we do things right , we'll have the same kind of success. There really hasn't been a Class A developmental league in this area of the country."

'We think there's a lot of interest in hockey and we want to be like the Washington Wild Things making it an affordable fun night," he added. "The league is all about developing players, coaches and front office staff for other jobs."

Players will come from the college ranks with probably three other Pennsylvania teams being in the league with Indiana, York and Southpointe likely sites.

The new league has teams with a 50-game schedule, starting the last weekend in October.

There will be a salary cap of $5,000 per week with a 16-player roster with the team budget between $300,000 and $550,000.

General admission tickets will cost $12, with the 10-game plan at $108 and a full season pass at $252. VIP tickets will cost $25 per game, $225 for the 10-game plan and $500 for the full season.

"So far I have gotten a great response from the hockey people here," Haines said.

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The Westmoreland County Department of Parks and Recreation maintains the park and the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners supervises its operations.

The 420-acre park was formed prior to 1967, when Westmoreland County purchased a smaller park owned by Rostraver Township. That park was eventually enlarged.

Cedar Creek Park has 16 pavilions that can accommodate as many as 500 under one roof.

Devon Woznlak-Franks wades into the Youghiogheny River at Cedar Creek Park.

The park also has a beautiful outdoor amphitheater that can accommodate crowds of up to 2,500. It has been used for a number of free summer concerts, including performances by the U.S. Army Field Band.

One of the best kept secrets at the park is the beautiful, deep gorge cut out by Cedar Creek in the northern section of the park.

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The Cedar Creek Gorge Trail is lined with spring wild flowers impossible to miss.

The Youghiogheny River, which makes up the park's northern boundaries, offers the outdoor types excellent fishing and canoeing opportunities.

The Manderino Riverfront Park, developed in 1991, provides river access, a boat launch and picnic areas.

The park is situated near the center of the Youghiogheny River Trail, a biking and hiking route that will does stretch from McKeesport in Allegheny County to Ohiopyle in Fayette County.

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The library had its humble beginnings in 1958, when the former Women's Club of Fellsburg established it in the bottom of the township's former Lebanon School.

In the 1980s, it moved from the school to the now 275-year-old Fellsburg Church.

That building became run down and there was a need for upgraded equipment, handicapped accessibility and more space for children's programs.

A $1.5 million fund-raising campaign that began in 2001 came to fruition in February 2007, when the new site in Willowbrook Plaza off Route 51 opened.

The library offers children's reading, crafts and other educational programs for ages 3 through 12.

A study room is available and frequently used for tutoring programs.

The library had a book club and 11 public computers.

The library's friends group has been able to utilize the extra space at the new facility for a number of fundraisers and social activities.

The group will host a wine tasting March 29, various bake and book sales and its major fundraiser, the annual library gala in October.

The one-story, 8,000-square-foot building sits on a 2.69-acre parcel behind the Willow Pointe Plaza Shop 'n Save on Route 51.

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It now provides coverage to Rostraver, Washington, South Huntingdon and Jefferson townships and West Newton, North Belle Vernon, Long Branch, Elco, Smithton and Sutersville boroughs.

The service has stations in Rostraver, West Newton, Washington Township, Elco and South Huntingdon.

It offers first aid and CPR classes and is a member of the Pennsylvania Ambulance and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Ambulance associations.

The ambulance service is the parent company of the Tri-County K-9 Team, the Mon Valley Divers and a tactical rescue team.

Rostraver-West Newton Emergency Medical Services responds to about 7,700 calls per year. It carries a fleet of eight ambulances, one squad vehicle and three transport vans.

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The Christian Center is a nondenominational church located at 1590 Ridge Road.

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Christian Center keeps close ties with community

The Christian Center in Rostraver Township prides itself in staying connected with the community.

The non-denominational church, at 1590 Ridge Road, was built where a former corporate retreat center was located.

Established in 1976, the church currently has about 400 members. The Rev. John Derrico has led the church as pastor for the last 26 years.

The church has two weekly services, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

There is also a family night that takes place at 7 p.m. every Wednesday.

Church members make religious programs available for all ages.

The church holds two major fundraisers each year.

Its annual auction will take place March 7 and 8.

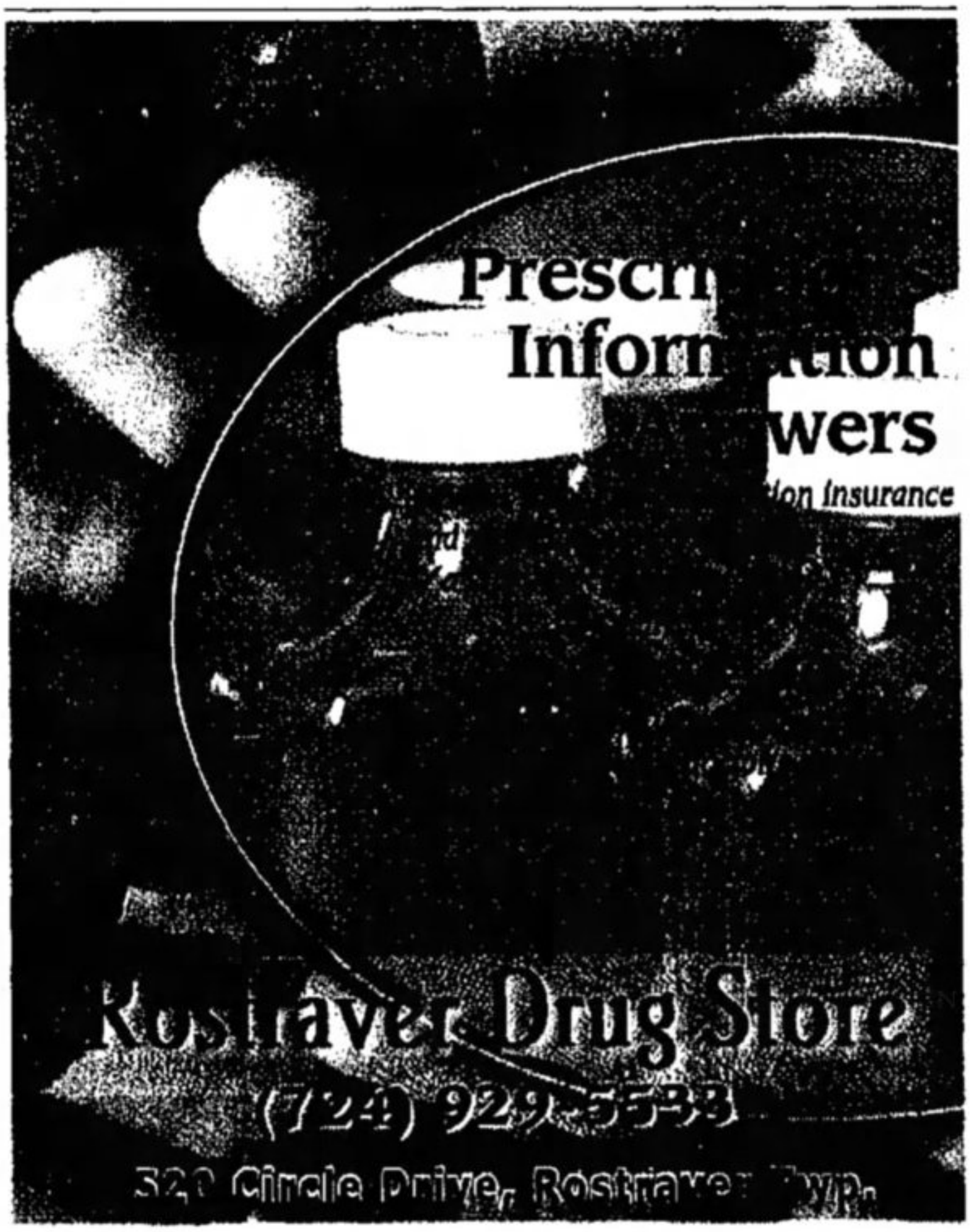
The other event, a gift basket auction, will take place Oct. 3.

The church will also host a summer safety day May 10.

Local police, firefighters and ambulance service personnel will conduct safety demonstrations.

Bikes and bike helmets donated to the church will be given out.

For more information about The Christian Center, call (724) 929-3670.



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Rostraver Township's seal dates back to 1959

The Rostraver Township seal was created in 1959 as part of the township's emergence from a third class to a first class township, the third township to do so in Westmoreland County.

The township officially became first class on Jan. 5, 1959.

The following description of the seal was presented in the First Annual Report for the year 1959 to the citizens of the township covering the first year as a First Class Township:

"The seal... was designed primarily to remind us of our antecedents and give us pride in the beginnings of our municipality.

"When Westmoreland County was created, April 6, 1773, our Township of Rostraver was also born, two years prior to the Declaration of Independence.

The small shield or Coat of Arms pays homage to our earliest founders. The Indian adversary, whose villages slowly gave way to the rude settlers of the pioneer in buckskin, who braved the dangers of the new "West," and made it secure for the farmer whose plow broke the soil and moved civilization west of the Alleghenies.

The early schoolmaster brought learning to the frontiers for a better, enlightened citizenry more capable and resourceful in times of stress.

Combined with all these were the dauntless men of the church who inspired mankind to struggle for a better way of life.

"We humbly dedicate this seal to out forebearers."

Serving on the board of commissioners at the time the seal was inducted were: John A. Kopp, chairman, Harry R. Curran, Melvin J. Maleski, James F. Phythyon and Michael E. Sapko.

Other officials were Andrew H. Solan, secretary; Bernard S. Shire, solicitor; J.J. Donley, treasurer and Harry Weightman, constable.

New booking center enhances police

The Rostraver Township Police Department plans to open its new regional booking center in March.

The new facility will make state-of-the-art criminal processing and identification equipment available to police departments in the Mid-Mon Valley's Westmoreland County municipalities.

Rostraver Police purchased the $66,000 system after applying for funding together with the city of Greensburg.

The police department received a matching grant from the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency through the Pennsylvania Chief's Association.

The department contributed its $16,650 share by utilizing a federal grant through U.S. Rep. John Murtha's Johnstown office.

Police departments in Rostraver Township, Greensburg, New Kensington, Murrysville and Latrobe have been chosen as booking center sites.

Each center will have scanning devices that take digital images of suspects' palms and fingerprints and log them into a national database.

The system makes it easier for police to identify the arrested person and determine if they have prior arrests or are wanted by police in or out of state.

It uses face-mapping technology and can log images of suspects' physical characteristics, such as scars, deformities and tattoos.

Rostraver Police Chief Greg Resetar said the booking center will give officers an advantage because fingerprint information previously had to be sent away for processing and now it can be done quickly electronically.

The department provides 24-hour service to the township's 11,700 residents in a 37-square-mile area.

The new booking center for the Rostraver Township Police Department is expected to be open in March.

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MVH offers reminders on carbon monoxide dangers

A good old-fashioned "ounce of prevention" is still the best weapon again carbon monoxide poisoning.

That's the timely reminder from Monongahela Valley Hospital to heighten awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide now that temperatures are low.

"Carbon monoxide can be deadly any time of the year," said Brenda Walther, M.D., director of Emergency Services at MVH. "But it is especially a potential killer in the fall and winter when people are running their furnaces more because of the cold weather."

Walther noted that carbon monoxide illness generates more than 15,000 emergency department visits throughout the United States each year.

More than 450 people call the Pittsburgh Poison Center of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh each year with carbon monoxide poisoning emergencies, and the majority of those poisonings occur in the cold fall and winter months in homes because of faulty or unvented heating sources.

Walther also emphasized that carbon monoxide detectors in the home are a "good solution" in becoming aware of potential problems.

"They are relatively inexpensive and can save your life," she said. "Furnaces and other heating sources should also be inspected and maintained."

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Carbon monoxide — known as "the silent killer" because it is a poisonous, colorless, odorless and tasteless gas — kills more than 500 Americans each year through unintentional poisonings.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are "vague, gradually occurring," which is why it can happen so frequently, Walther said.

"People experience headaches, dizziness, weakness and nausea and often feel as if they are coming down with the flu or a stomach virus," she continued. "If the exposure (to carbon monoxide) is more severe, you can experience chest pain, passing out, breathing problems, and, in the worst case, death."

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Rostraver Township, Belle Vernon Borough, North Belle Vernon, Fayette City and Washington Township are the municipalities in the 42.2-square-mile district.

Approximately 20,000 people make their home here. The school population is approximately 3,000 students for the district.

The professional staff of the district consists of 176 faculty members; 10 administrators, six guidance counselors, a school psychologist, three nurses and many maintenance, clerical, dining, security, transportation, and custodial staff.

The Belle Vernon Area School District is made up of Rostraver Township, Belle Vernon Borough, North Belle Vernon, Fayette City and Washington Township.

This year, the school board will oversee a multi-million dollar renovation project involving all of the district's schools.

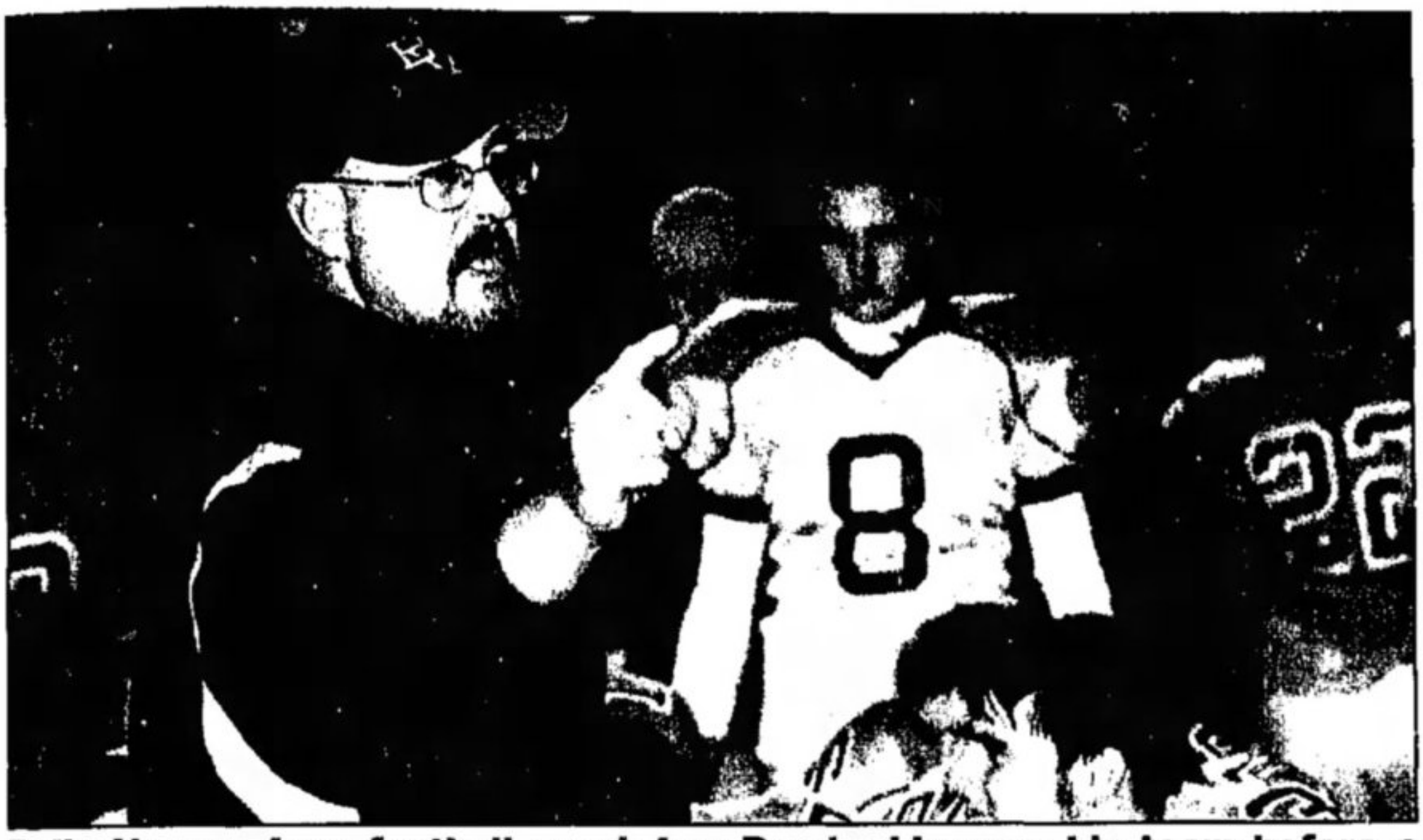
The project involves expansion of the all-day kindergarten program through the construction of four classrooms at Rostraver Elementary School and three classrooms at Marion Elementary School.

Air conditioning will be installed at Rostraver and Bellmar middle schools. It will be added to 20 rooms at Rostraver Elementary and 22 rooms at Marion Elementary.

Seven science labs at the high school will be upgraded.

The work is scheduled to start in April and is expected to take nine months to complete.

In 2006, the school board added Jason Zadrozny as director of building and grounds, Dave Bashada as director of transportation and Darlene Naylor as director of food service.



Belle Vernon Area football coach Lou Rood addresses his team before a game.

In September, a new, automated point-of-sale system went on line in the school cafeterias.

Students can now buy lunches by using swipe cards.

Each of the district's school buildings have its own cafeteria with on-site meals served daily.

This spring the board will begin a $165,000 cooperative project with Rostraver Township Supervisors to install about a quarter mile of new sidewalk from the football field to the high school student parking lot.

The district's administration building is located between Rostraver Middle and Elementary schools.

A field house adjacent to the high-school is well equipped with weight and locker rooms, rehabilitation and conditioning equipment. The stadium is located next to Rostraver Middle School.

The football team holds several titles. Other sports teams include swimming, baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, golf, track, cheerleading, majorettes, and drill team.

BVA has one of the finest marching bands in the Mid-Mon Valley area. Band and choir programs are available in the middle and high schools.

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Then the true wilderness frontier, Rostraver was a land of rolling hills blanketed with forests bearing abundant wild fruit and game.

England and France claimed the desirable territory and the disrupted western section of two colonies, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Although several Native American tribes claimed the land as hunting ground, there were no active Native American villages by the late 1700s. There was evidence of earlier settlements that included forts and burial grounds. Most notable of the dwellings is now known as the highest point in the township today, Indian Hill.

Another significant remnant of early settlement was the Native American village at Cedar Creek Park.

Once the English defeated the French in 1758, more settlers flooded into Rostraver.

Prominent among the earliest settlers were the Weddell, Budd, Martin, Fell, Finley, Beazell, Timms, Todd and McClain families.

Many of those names remain as the names of streets, structures, and many family descendants of the brave pioneer families that left the established colonies in Europe or along the eastern seaboard to inspect the unknown frontier.

With settlements came government. Rostraver became an organized township inside the Bedford County in 1771. The township then covered a much larger area that was separated into Fayette and Allegheny counties.

Rostraver became one of the six original townships in Westmoreland County April 6, 1773.

The origin of the Rostraver name remains a mystery. It is rumored that a homesick Irish settler or trader named the area after a village named Rostravor in his homeland of County Down, Ireland.

The McClain family came from Ireland. Indian Hill was first named Warrenpoint, another place in Ireland near Rostravor, according to a land grant issued to Joseph Bechett.

One of the most notable of the original Rostraver settlers, Col. Edward Cook, served in many public service roles, including judge. He stood as a moderating factor during the Whiskey Rebellion. Cook was also an entrepreneur. A gristmill and a store were among his business endeavors.

The second wave of settlers included tradesmen that engaged in business and farming. Tax lists from that time document barrel makers or coopers, joiners (carpenters), saddlers, millers and blacksmiths as types of professions.

In the early 1800s, Rostraver transformed into an agricultural community with large farms. Much of community life centered on the church and school, or visits to the gristmills. Three of the oldest churches in the township, Rehoboth Presbyterian, Fells Methodist and Salem Baptist, were founded in the late 1700s.

Although the original buildings are gone, the congregations remain active more than two centuries later.

The first schools were often

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located near the churches and they were linked closely to the buildings. The schools were built from money raised by subscription from the families rather than the taxpayer's dollars. Hosting spelling bees and recitations, the churches served as community centers. One of the subscription schools named Concord was built in 1830.

It was made from local stone and used as a school for 40 years. It still stands near Cedar Creek Park.

The gristmills were important locations where farmers could bring grain for grinding into flour. The mills became known as hotspots for gossip and news among the residents.

Other businesses took advantage of the mills' popularity and small communities developed nearby.

One of Rostraver's gristmills was in Webster, a town developed in 1830. At one time, Webster was the most significant town along the river between Elizabeth and Brownsville. Webster served as a boat-building center.

Other professions included saw mill operators, lumber dealers, shoemakers, saddlers and cabinetmakers.

At one time, there were three hotels in Webster and the town was the sit of several early coal centers in the years after the Civil War.

Coal mining brought development to other areas in the township. Pittsburgh Coal Co. built Van Meter along the Youghiogheny River as a housing area for miners in the Darr Mine.

Pricedale was built at the turn of the 20th century as a company town and many Collinsburg residents worked the mines near West Newton.

Even with those developments, Rostraver remained a predominately agricultural community in the first 10 years of the 20th century with more than 50 active dairy farms.

By the middle of the century, automotive travel brought in a growing retail business industry.

Along the north-south corridor between Pittsburgh and Uniontown on Route 51, businesses such as service stations, restaurants and motels dotted the landscape.

Soon, entertainment venues from the legendary Twin Coaches nightclub to various recreational outlets, still in the township today, created the fabric of Rostraver.

Shopping centers, doctor's offices, food stores and nurseries that have served the needs of increased housing opportunities complete the mix.

Allen's Crossroads grew from a tree-lined residential corner to a retail center that draws people from three counties with its shopping and dining. Rostraver Square, Tri-County Plaza and Willowbrook Plaza are home to a wide range of large, national chains and franchises including homegrown stores and restaurants.

Respect for the spirit of Rostraver's founders, from the earliest pioneer to those that have led in the succeeding centuries, and the promise of optimism toward future development ensures a healthy and pleasant community will continue to thrive as a home to many.

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Fun Fest brightens August

The August Fun Fest is a Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation special event co-sponsored by National City Bank, the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce, the Road Kings Car Club and the Valley Independent.

The Fun Fest's 22st celebration will take place in Cedar Creek Park from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 10.

The park is located in Rostraver Township off Route 51, one-quarter mile north of Interstate 70.

The community festival features a wide variety of food, entertainment, and children's attractions making it an exciting family event.

The August Fun Fest Car Show and Cruise, sponsored by the Road Kings Car Club of Greensburg, features antiques, hot rods, modified vehicles, stocks, commercials, and motorcycles. There are over 500 cars expected.

The annual car show and cruise, sponsored by the Road Kings Car Club of Greensburg, is an annual staple of the August Fun Fest.

Carnival amusement rides, pony rides, a petting zoo, and kiddie train rides are available with the purchase of an all-day ride pass for only $3.

There will also be live music all day with everything from big band to polka performances. This year's featured band is the oldies ensemble The Vogues.

The Arts and Crafts Show has become one of the top attractions at the event, with more than 40 artists and craftsmen.

The show will feature a variety of items such as handmade woodcrafts, pottery, airbrush tattoos and more.

Among the other attractions at the August Fun Fest include a flea market, bingo, a Mon Valley R.C. Model Airplane Club display, dance team performances, and old-fashioned horse drawn trolley rides.

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Legal-Ease: Beware of sub prime

By Keith A. Bassi, Esq.

The news has been filled with "sub-prime" mortgages and their problems. "Sub-prime" mortgages are loans to borrowers who are not the best qualified people for a loan.

They are "risky" because the borrower may not be financially sound or deep in debt evidenced by a lower credit score than generally acceptable.

To cover the additional risk, lenders charge higher interest rates, costs and points at closing, or an adjustable rate featuring an exceptionally low introductory rate with a higher rate that kicks in later causing a higher monthly payment.

Sub-prime mortgages are often sold to another financial institution. When the financial drain of extra costs or higher monthly payments is felt by the borrower, defaulted payments occur. The financial institution that is holding the mortgage when then tries to collect the money owed by foreclosing.

Sub-prime loan defaults have caused such a financial drain on financial institutions that the Federal government is considering legislation to delay the foreclosure processing.

The victim of predatory practices by unscrupulous lenders is the borrower. There may, however, be remedies available.

When applying for a loan with a low credit score, and things sound too good to be true, chances are they are. Keep these thoughts in mind:

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1. Avoid low introductory rates of interest that will reset at higher rates after you are "locked-into" a loan.

2. Make certain you can "comfortably" handle not only the payments of principal and interest required for the life of the loan, but also the real estate taxes and homeowners' insurance that must be paid annually.

3. Watch the term of your loan to make certain that the loan will be paid off in full at the end of the term of payments.

4. Ask to review the settlement statement before the closing so that you know how much you are being charged for the loan. It is unfair for you to be informed at the closing how much the lender is charging you to cover their additional risk.

5. Avoid mortgages that will be sold after your closing. It is unlikely you will have a close

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relationship with a lender who has purchased your loan as opposed to one with whom you made application and personally negotiated the terms of your loan. This personal relationship becomes especially important when defaults occur.

6. Stay away from aggressive lending products with unrealistic settlement expectations such as on-line loans and 24 hour closings; on-line title searchers and credit bureau title searches.

If you are inexperienced in borrowing money, it is best to work with someone in the lending industry who has a longstanding and solid reputation for fairness and honesty.

If you need additional independent help, consult legal counsel to help you through the process. A small fee up front may avoid a financial catastrophe later.

Keith A. Bassi is President and Managing Director of Bassi, McCune & Vreeland, P.C. He is also the Solicitor for the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. www.bmvlaw.com.

Regina Hackney recently resigned from the Regional Chamber Board, as she is leaving her position at Northwest Savings Bank in Fredericktown. We thank Regina for her valuable input and regional influence to further the organization's mission.

Class of '10 Directors elected

The Class of 2010 was recently elected for a three-year term to the Chamber Board of Directors.

Returning Board members are:

- Archie Allridge, Mon Valley Foods.
- Billie Sue DeForest, Tregembo Ford.
- Dr. Brad Ferko, Charleroi Area School District.
- Josie Pelzer, Rotolo Dodge Chrysler Jeep.

A warm welcome goes out to our newly elected directors Jim Protin, Chester Engineers and Erin Rudnisky, The Willow Room.

Outgoing Board member Regina Hackney, Northwest Savings Bank was recognized for her service.

Election of officers for 2008 and annual appointments will be made at the January meeting.

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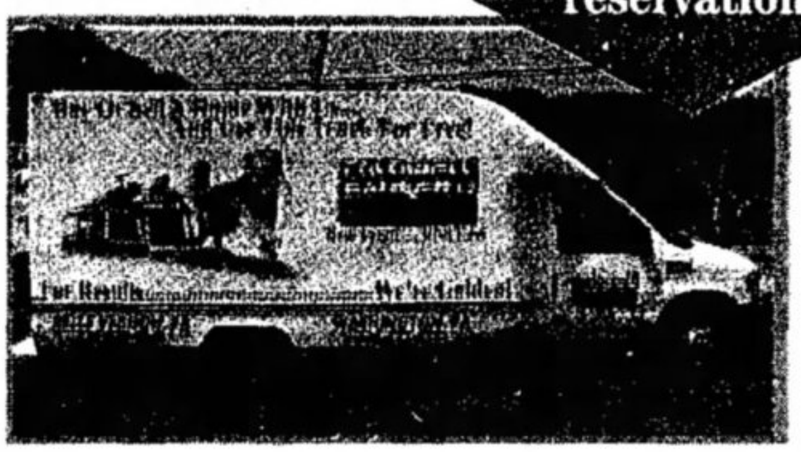

Just another way that we are servicing our clients and our communities!

Chamber honors shining stars

Award winners, from left, included Sandra Young Blackwood, Eileen Woodside, (Ralph W. Young Family Foundation), Karen Juskowich, Juskowich Notary Service, Judy Lucas, Zelenski's Bridal Shoppe and Donald Ivill, General Industries.

As executive board member Milt Kubik handed the 2007 Shining Star Award to Karen Juskowich, the 2006 recipient said, "Welcome to the galaxy of stars."

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Wednesday recognized its shining stars during its annual awards and holiday celebration in the Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

In addition to Juskowich, the chamber recognized General Industries with the Outstanding Business Development Award, Zelenski's Bridal and Gown Shoppe with the Excellence in Business Award and the Ralph W. Young Family Foundation with the Regional Service Award.

The owner of Juskowich Notary Service in Finleyville said she was especially honored to receive the Shining Star Award because she was receiving it from Kubik.

"When you have a family who loves you, Jesus who saved me and now a chamber that honored me, what more could you ask?" Juskowich said.

Don Ivill, president and owner of General Industries in Speers, noted how many of the people in the room he grew up with.

"It's a great community," Ivill said. "I feel a part of it, not only as a businessman, but as a resident."

Ivill credited his employees for the company's success.

"I receive this award not only for myself, but for all of the General Industries employees," Ivill said. "I learned a long time ago that you surround yourself with great people."

In presenting the Excellence in Business Award, chamber executive committee member Jerry Zahand said Zelenski's has prospered for 84 years because of the service it has provided for customers.

"Judy and Zelenski's have carried on the tradition in retail that we're proud of at the chamber," Zahand said. Judy Lucas, owner of Zelenski's, thanked all of her employees.

Charleroi Area School District Superintendent Dr. Brad Ferko introduced Ralph W. Young Family Foundation co-trustees Sandra Young Blackwood and Eileen Woodside. He noted that the foundation, begun in 2002 by the family of certified public accountant Ralph Young, has awarded $1.5 million in scholarships to Charleroi Area students alone.

Young's daughter, Blackwood, said the foundation usually prefers to remain anonymous.

Blackwood said the first class of scholarship awardees has graduated from college.

One of the new graduates works for Johnson and Johnson in New Jersey, one is employed with a security firm, a third is working on a master's degree and a fourth is a medical student.

In a letter of congratulations to the graduates, the foundation issued a challenge.

"Please remember the gift of the Ralph Young Foundation," it said. "We hope you can pay it on when you get to a place in your life where you can do something for someone else."

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Firefighters honored

Several awards were presented at the Charleroi Fire Department's annual banquet and Christmas Party Dec. 8 at the fire station. From left are Robert Anderson, 2007 Firefighter of the Year; Ian Whiten, 2007 Junior Fire Fighter of the Year; and Kenneth Scheponik, who was honored for 38 years of service.

Become part of TEAM Charleroi

TEAM Charleroi Business and Community Alliance meets quarterly.

The TEAM consists of the focus group formed last year, and ANYONE who is interested in the betterment of the Greater Charleroi community.

Please call (724) 483-3507 for more information on the TEAM or log on to www.shopcharleroi.com.

All Committee Chairs should be prepared to give a report of their activities and future plans. Please assign a committee to give your report if you are unable to attend.

The next meeting is 8:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at SPHS 300 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi. The meeting will be held in Conference Room A.

TEAM Charleroi Business & Community Alliance has several committees that meeting regularly:

- Organization Committee: Third Thursday, Noon, Chamber Building.
- Education Committee: First Tuesday, 8 a.m., Administration Building, Charleroi School District.
- Safety Committee: 1st Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Borough Building.
- Promotions Committee: 1st Monday, 8:30 a.m., Chamber Building
- Marketing and Entertainment meet as needed.
- Design Committee: 2nd Wednesday, 8 a.m., Borough Building.
- Economic Restructuring/ Housing Options: first Tuesday, 2 p.m, Chamber Building
- The Elected Executive Committee meets every 1st Thursday of the month of the month, 8 a.m., Chamber Building.

If you are interested in serving on any of the committees, please contact TEAM Charleroi at (724) 483-3507.

Ductmate Rudolph

A reindeer used in Charleroi's Christmas decorations was created from duct components by Ductmate employee Doug Poundstone Michael Florian and Pam McCartney, also Ductmate employees, created the backdrop and decorations for Santa's chair.

Coordinator needed for TEAM Charleroi

A PART-TIME coordinator is needed for TEAM Charleroi. The TEAM is seeking an organized individual who will plan events, arrange meetings and work with local businesses and volunteers. Salary commensurate with experience and education. Please send resume and cover letter to info@mvrchamber.org

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Interview day

TEAM Charleroi Business & Community Alliance and the Charleroi Area School District recently partnered to conduct a student interview day. Roman DiPiazza, left, is interviewed by TEAM member Jim Protin of Chester Engineers.

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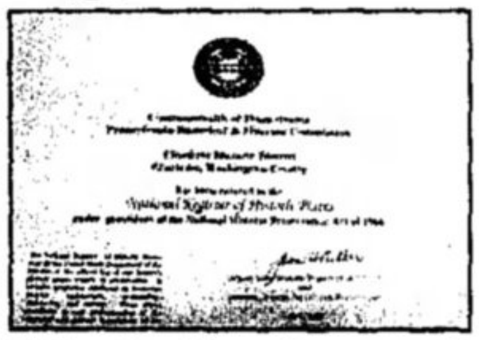
Mayor Frank Paterra presents documents regarding Charleroi's status on the National Register to the Charleroi Area Historical Society's 2008 President, Darlene Pennline.

Charleroi gets notification from National Register

Charleroi Mayor Frank Paterra has received official notification and documents regarding Charleroi's status on the National Register of Historic Places.

The CAHS paid $10,000 Terry Necciai to do the second step to the National Register process in order to provide further state and federal grants and tax credits for the property owners and to the community at large, establishing Charleroi as a living museum of important period architecture that reflects the span of time of pre-1890 to 1920 predominantly and some extending to 1950.



This is the document sent to Charleroi from the National Register of Historic Places.

Charleroi is noteworthy as one of the last "boom towns" in the 1800s and as the hometown of Governor John K. Tener.

This also lists the community with the Department of the Interior (National Parks).

This action by the CAHS helped to increase the importance of the properties and buildings for the people in Charleroi affiliated with the Historic District.

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Take action to reduce business taxes in Pennsylvania

For several years, Pennsylvania's business community has been working in close cooperation for changes that will improve the Commonwealth's competitive position by eliminating business tax code provisions that are far more onerous than those of other states. In recent weeks, the Rendell Administration has released data that shows Pennsylvania is running a huge surplus. Tax revenues — especially business tax revenues — are far ahead of this fiscal year's budget projections.

Shortly after the holidays, we will begin the budget-making process for the new budget that takes effect on July 1, 2008. While it might seem early, now is the time to ask for meaningful changes to the tax code that will result in lower taxes for Pennsylvania businesses.

Please join in this effort by taking a few minutes to send an electronic letter to your state lawmakers. This letter asks your state Representative and state Senator to support new legislation that does two things:

■ Calculate the Corporate Net Income Tax based solely on sales revenue within Pennsylvania so that in-state firms don't pay more because they have facilities and employees in Pennsylvania.

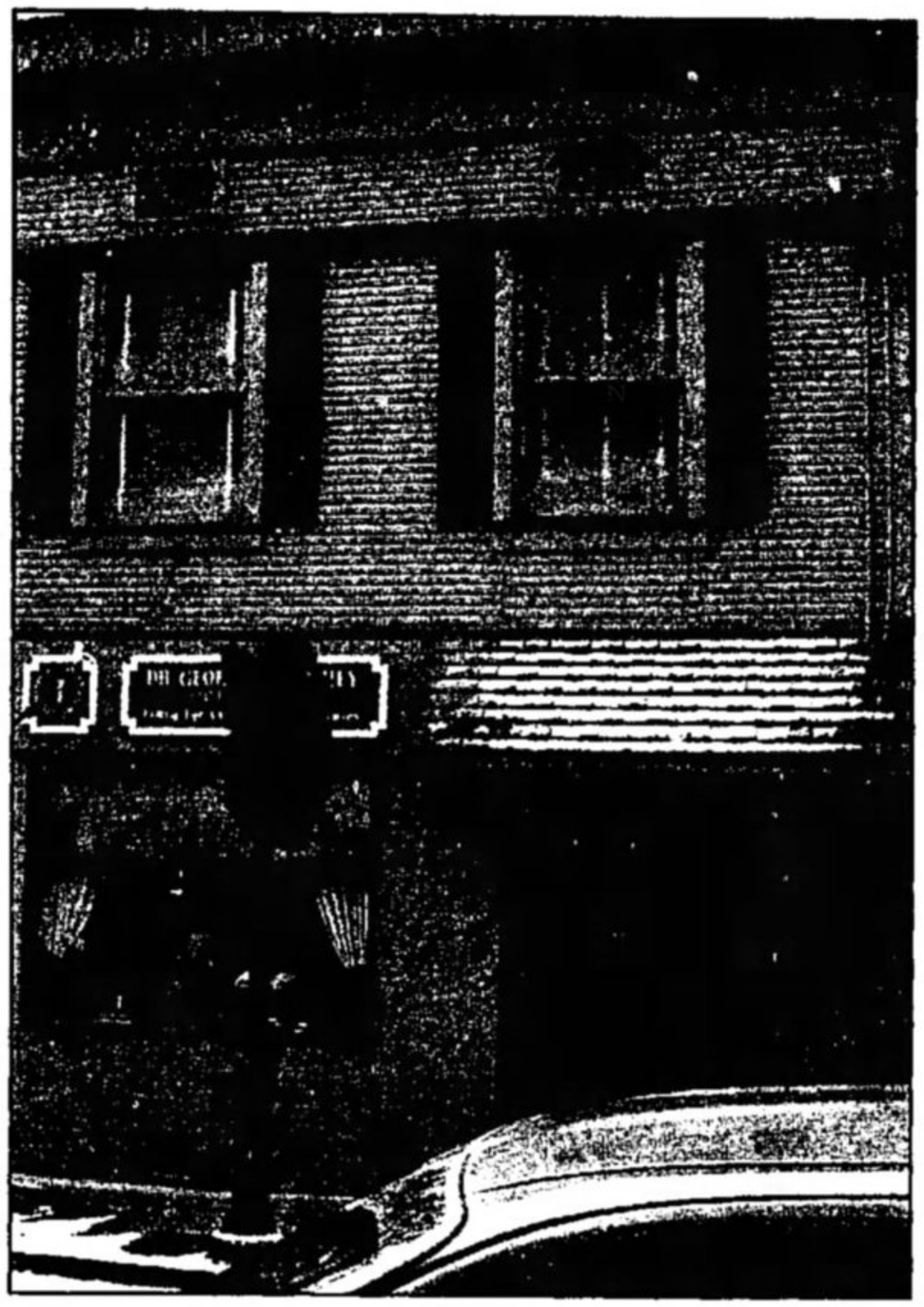
■ Remove a cap on the tax deduction for previous losses. The letter also asks lawmakers to communicate these goals to Gov. Edward G. Rendell for inclusion in his February budget address to the General Assembly.

A few minutes of your time will mean a great deal to this effort. To learn more and send letters online, click on www.pennsylvaniaprosperity.org/alert.asp?g=pennsylvania.

Then take a few more seconds to forward this information to friends and colleagues.

Thanks!

New look for Doctor Toohey



Congratulations to Charleroi property owner Dr. George Toohey, located on Fallowfield Avenue, on a facade upgrade. The historic district of Charleroi boasts many beautiful turn-of-the-century buildings that are enhanced by such improvements.

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Oldies dance to commemorate Stockdale hops

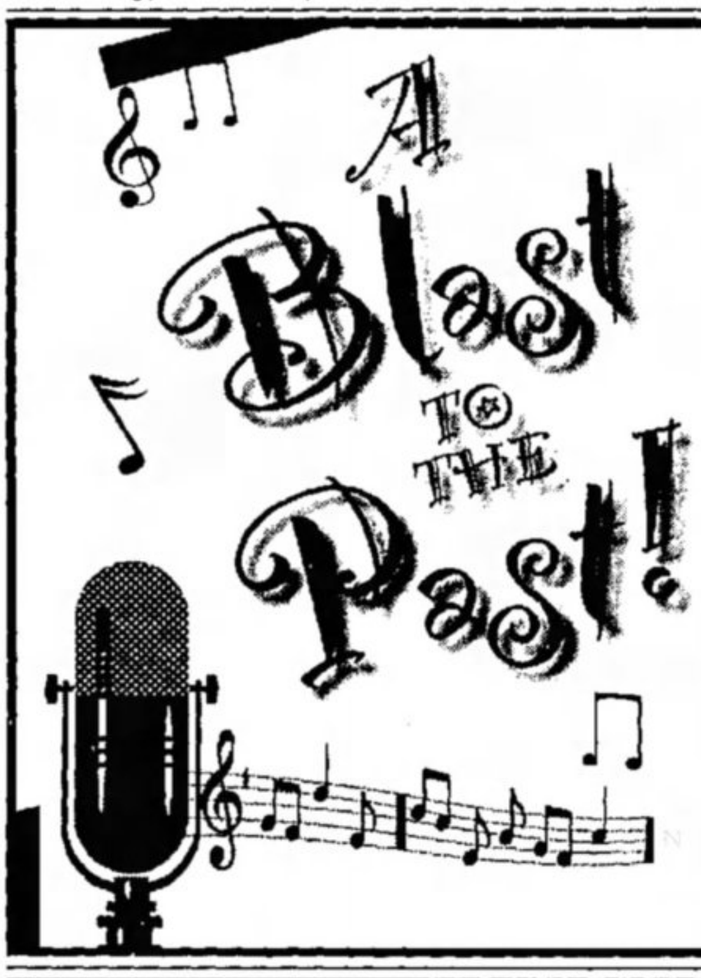
Nostalgia will be flowing freely when the Stockdale Volunteer Fire Department presents an Oldies dance Saturday, Feb. 16, to commemorate the start of the popular teen record hops there in the '50s and '60s.

One of the largest dances for teens in western Pennsylvania for nearly eight years, the Stockdale dances began Saturday, Dec. 21, 1957.

Jim "J.D. the D.J." Dudas, host of the Mon Valley Memories radio show on WJPA, will be the disc jockey at the anniversary event, a BYOB affair that will run from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Special guests will include Ron Paglia, the DJ at Stockdale for nearly six years, and John Barbero, a legendary disc jockey and radio personality.

Admission will be $10 per person and advance reservations are being accepted for tables of eight at (724) 938-7950. Tickets also will be sold at the door.



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A sincere thank you to Jerry Zahand Sr. for development of this new initiative.

Comcast spotlight launch party in the works

The Chamber of Commerce will also be partnering with Comcast to bring special advertising rates to Chamber members.

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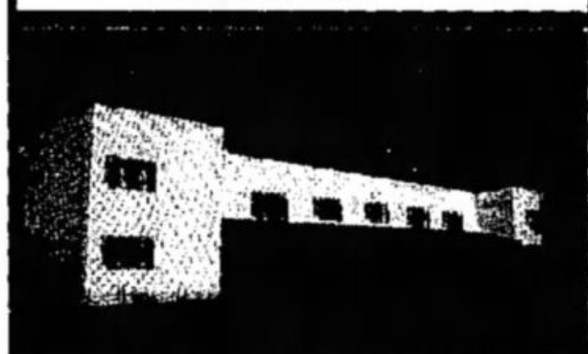

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Meet Lori Coury

Lori Coury is owner and manager of the River House Cafe, presently under construction. The new restaurant and entertainment venue will be located in the former Ducoeur's Furniture store located at 506 McKean Ave., Charleroi, and is expected to be opening later this month.

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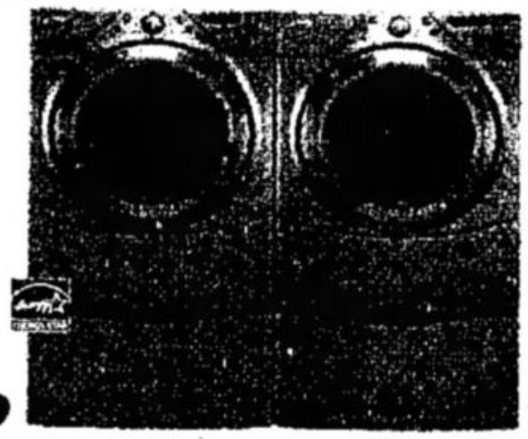

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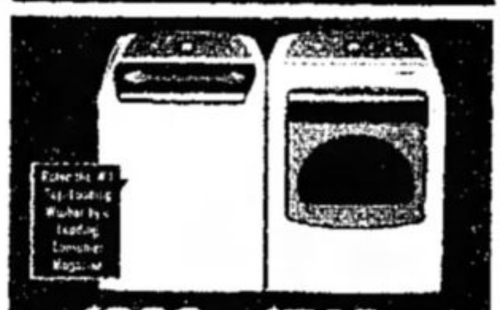

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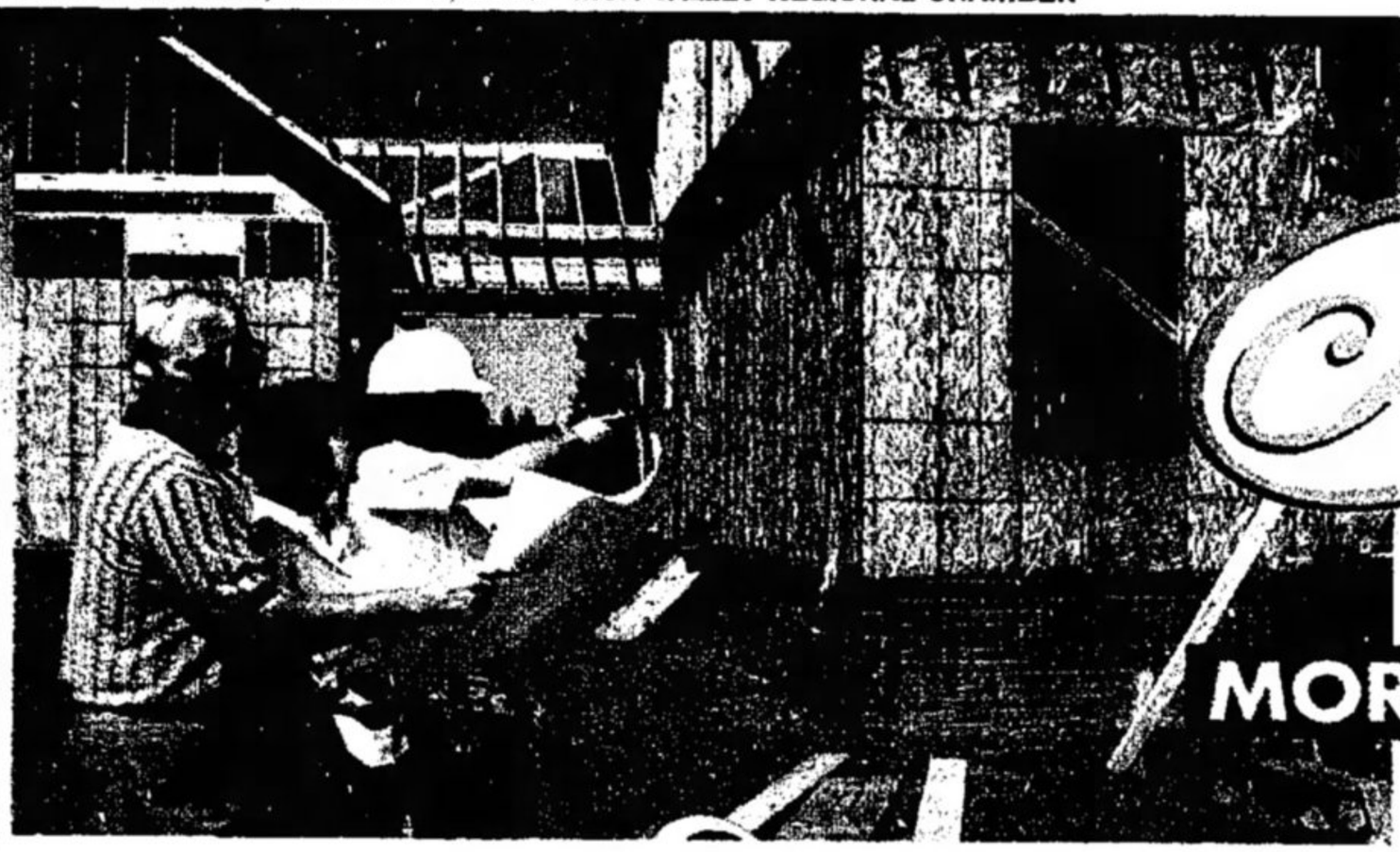

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